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(1816 TO 1843)

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timing, people, circumstances and serendipity.”

- DON RITTNER

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An 1843 fire destroyed nearly all of the public records held at the former Jackson County, Illinois courthouse at the no longer extant Town of Brownsville. An attempt was made to recover as many early deeds as possible through the efforts of a State appointed Board of Investigation. This incomplete typescript only abstracts part of the deeds that were re-recorded in 1843 and 1844, but includes full chapters of other pre-1816 land records for the area of present-day Jackson County, Illinois.

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Like all of my books, this book is hereby placed in the public domain, in the hope that it can provide valuable clues to others attempting to solve their own family enigmas.

PUBLISHED INCOMPLETE!

The decision to publish this typescript in its present form arose from several reasons, but essentially it boils down to a loss of interest in continuing to spend endless hours tediously transcribing 200-year old manuscripts of varying legibility. Especially since Family Search is on the verge of using artificial intelligence, combined with optical character recognition, to achieve in very short order what I have spent several hundred hours doing. This incomplete typescript nevertheless assembles some very key and often little-known sources that help to fill in the immense gap caused by the 1843 courthouse fire and its resultant destruction of early records in Jackson County, Illinois.

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of my paternal grandmother, **Eva Pearl (Wiggins) Malone**, who was born 30 Oct 1894 near Ava, Jackson County, Illinois. An autobiographical account produced for the occasion of her 100th birthday inspired me to learn more about her deep affection for the area where she and her eleven siblings had been raised in a one-room log cabin. Her brief description of her early life has helped me to persevere through the many challenges posed by the near total destruction of early public records in Jackson County, Illinois.

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A. INTRODUCTION

An early courthouse fire destroyed nearly all public records which had existed in Jackson County, Illinois prior to 1843, thus creating a significant gap in records of value to genealogists. Many people think that, in most cases, the trail of their ancestors ends at that deficit, but that isn't always the case. Fortunately, the State of Illinois established a Board of Investigation (BOI) on 1 Feb 1843 to re-record as many records as could be established by available facts (primarily the owner's copies of legal documents or the sworn testimony of the parties to particular deeds and estates). On 10 May 1843, the BOI recorded its first deeds under this mandate.

Other land records of interest include:

1. Some early deeds recorded in Jackson County, Illinois Territory which are not recorded in Book D, and a few early deeds Johnson County, Illinois Territory,
2. Squatters depositions of 1807,
3. Preemption certificates of 1813,
4. War of 1812 Militia Rosters,
5. Government Land Office entries prior to 1816,
6. The first patents issued in 1817, and
7. The recollections of Benningsen Boon (b. 1807-d. 1881).

These land records, together with published histories, census records and recorded gravesites constitute the main sources of available information about Jackson County prior to 1843.

This book is intended to facilitate the efforts of family historians who have roots dating back to the early days of Jackson County, Illinois by greatly simplifying the task of finding references to their ancestors in early land records. This is done by abstracting the key information found on the various source documents, which includes select records that existed prior to the creation of Jackson County, plus the first deed book recorded after the 1843 courthouse fire in Brownsville. It contains the fruit of the efforts of the State-appointed Board of Investigation. These early deeds, particularly the few estate deeds, sometimes explicitly spell out family relationships or provide maiden names and offer other vital clues, information that would normally be found in the mostly no longer extant pre-1843 probate, will and marriage records of Jackson County, Illinois.

Officially, it was not possible to own land in present day Jackson County, Illinois before the opening of the Government Land Office at Kaskaskia on 10 Aug 1814. But prior to sales of public land, the government had recognized the rights of "squatters;" those who had occupied public lands prior to the lands being offered for sale to the public. In our area of interest, such individuals who registered prior to 1 Jan 1808 were entitled to claim up to 160 acres of land. A pre-emption right was later extended to those who settled after that date and before 5 Feb 1813, provided that they met certain criteria. It also required the settler to make a down payment of at least 1/20th of the purchase price.

Jackson County was created within Illinois Territory on 10 Jan 1816. The portion of the county north and west of the Big Muddy River was taken from Randolph County,

whereas the portion south and east of the Big Muddy was taken from Johnson County. Thus prior to 1816 there are records of potential interest in both of those jurisdictions (Johnson County came into existence in 1812, prior to that time it had been part of Randolph County). Jackson County's boundaries originally extended one mile farther north, but that mile-wide east-west strip became part of Perry County on 29 Jan 1827.

Initial land ownership in the area that would become Jackson County, Illinois originates at the Government Land Office in Kaskaskia. Settlers would make a land entry in Kaskaskia and, once full payment was made, a patent was be issued under the auspices of the current President of the United States of America. Subsequent land transactions are recorded in the courthouse of the county where the land is located. Thus, it is possible that a small number of land transactions for land within the current boundaries of Jackson County, Illinois may exist in the records of Randolph County and Johnson County for the two years between when the Kaskaskia land office opened and when Jackson County was created (it's also possible that recording in those counties was simply more convenient due to physical barriers or inclement weather. Since patents had not been issued until a year after Jackson County was created, any such records would be selling the owner's land entry claim, not full title to the land. There is a small chance that researching such records may provide additional information for a few of the early families that settled within the current boundaries of Jackson County.

To summarize the key dates of interest:

- **4 Jul 1800:** Indiana Territory was created. It included all of the future Illinois Territory within the boundaries of Randolph County.
- **3 Mar 1807:** Squatters who could prove they had settled on land in Indiana Territory by this date would be granted the right to purchase the quarter section where their improvements were located before the land would be offered for sale to the general public. In order to qualify under this act, it was necessary to apply by 1 Jan 1808 for permission to remain on the land.
- **1 Mar 1809:** Illinois Territory was created from Indiana Territory.
- **14 Sep 1812:** Johnson County was created from Randolph County.
- **5 Feb 1813:** Settlers who arrived after 3 Mar 1807 and before this date were allowed a preemption right that entitled them to purchase up to 160 acres of land at the General Land Office in Kaskaskia prior to the opening of all lands for public purchase, provided that they were able to pay the required down payment of 1/20th of the purchase price.
- **10 Aug 1814:** The General Land Office in Kaskaskia began to sell public lands, though the first patent in Jackson County would not be issued for nearly three years.
- **10 Jan 1816:** Jackson County was created.
- **26 May 1817:** First patent issued in Jackson County.
- **3 Dec 1818:** Illinois became the 21st state.
- **29 Jan 1827:** The northern part of Jackson County became part of the newly created Perry County.
- **10 Jan 1843:** A fire in courthouse at Brownsville destroyed nearly all of the public records of Jackson County, Illinois.

- **1 Feb 1843:** The State of Illinois created the Board of Investigation to reconstitute as many public records as possible. The Board was comprised of William Doty and Jefferson Allen of Jackson County and Willis Allen of Williamson County. Daniel H. Brush was appointed as the Board's secretary. The act establishing the Board authorized its existence for twelve months, unless extended by the General Assembly (the Board was still recording deeds in the first days of 1845, so an extension appears to have been granted).
- **2nd Monday of May, 1843:** The date established by the General Assembly to establish an office and begin receiving evidence and testimony for the purpose of re-establishing public records lost in the courthouse fire.
- **Jan 1845:** After this date the County Recorder for Jackson County was authorized to accept for recording any deed shown to have been recorded in Jackson County prior to the courthouse fire, but which was not presented to the Board of Investigation during its tenure.

NOTE: All references herein to Public Land Survey descriptions are derived from the 3rd Principal Meridian.

B. THE RECOLLECTIONS OF BENNINGSEN BOONE

Perhaps the most accessible information about land ownership in the earliest days of Jackson County, Illinois are the recollections of Benningsen Boone, as found in *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894). The public records found in later sections of this book largely corroborate his memory. His account is included in its entirety here because in some cases he provides additional details that are not found in surviving public records. The following portion of the preface is from pages 2 through 4, and Mr. Boone's contributions are found on pages 25 through 75.

*"Many years ago, perhaps about the year 1870, Mr. **Benington Boone** [sic: Benningsen Boone], a native of Jackson County, Ill. (probably the first white man born in the county,) published in one of the county papers a sketch of the early settlement of this county. The printers not suiting him, as he afterwards told me, he quit it unfinished. A few years after that, he began in another paper, but again quit it unfinished for the same reason as before. As in both cases, he had kept no copy, it was lost to him.*

"At the time of their publication, I cutout and preserved both of the articles by pasting them in a scrap-book.

*"**Mr. Boone** again undertook the task, intending to publish it as a book. He took much pains to have the facts and dates correct. After he had completed his manuscript, he left it with me for a week, so that I might have the opportunity of looking over it. This was in the year 1879. I had intended to lend him the scraps which I had saved before, but they had been mislaid and could not be found. They were lost for many years.*

*"Sometime after this, **Mr. Boone** died.¹ On inquiry as to what had become of his manuscript, I was informed that it was consumed when **Mr. L. A. Porter's** house was burned. That was a loss to the public which can never be replaced. Recently those scraps were found, and as the next best thing to the burned manuscript, I here publish the two first sketches. I have condensed both into one story, giving the same words and expressions as **Mr. Boone** did as near as the case would permit. One sketch relates incidents omitted by the other, or both gave the same with slightly different versions. Where these discrepancies occur, the foot-notes will explain.*

[snip]

*"At the request of the writer, **M. Boone** furnished him with a short account of the first settlement of Brownsville.*

¹¹ His headstone, on which his name is spelled Benningsen Boon, states that he died in 1879, but the biography on his Find-a-Grave memorial (#9085449) states that his death certificate says he died on 21 Mar 1881.

"The Writer.

*"SKETCHES
Of the early settlement of
JACKSON COUNTY, ILL.
BY
BEN. BOONE.*

"Prior to the year 1800, the whole country was occupied by the different tribes of Indians, many of them hostile. The Kaskaskia tribe with a few others, were friendly to the whites, and sought protection with them against their enemies. The whites principally Canadian-French, with some Americans and English from the East. The French and Americans settled at Kaskaskia, Prairie-du-Rocher, Caokia [sic:Cahokia] in Illinois, and at St. Genivieve [sic] and St. Louis in Missouri. Yet they were all confined to a narrow strip on and near the Mississippi River, which was long known as the American Bottom.

"The first white people who crossed Degognia Creek, (the north-western boundary of Jackson County,) as I am informed, was for the purpose of making sugar from the sugar-tree. A good deal was made east of that creek from time to time. The Indians were friendly towards these sugar-makers. The whole country from this to the Ohio River, was a wilderness without a white settler.

"At this early time, all along the bluffs, east of Degognia Creek, the cane grew abundantly, and in the bottoms the rushes were in great abundance.

*"The first settlers that ventured to settle east of Degognia Creek with their families, were a man named **Reed** and another man named **Emsly Jones** in 1802. **Reed** settled near a creek called after him. Reed's Creek, **Jones** settled in the bottom near a pond called Jones' Pond (See Westbrook's County Map). Both came from the old settlement in Randolph County. **Reed** opened a little farm. He was said to have been a good man. **Jones**, for some cause, got mad at him and killed him by shooting him. **Jones** fled and took refuge on what is since called "Walker's Hill." This is the hill that is east of Grand Tower. He was there arrested and taken to Kaskaskia and tried, found guilty and hung. He was the first white person hung whose murderous act was done within the present limits of Jackson County. What became of their families, I know not.*

*"In 1805 or 1806, **William Boone**, my father, who then lived on the east bank of Okaw River (This is called Kaskaskia River on the maps) below Kaskaskia, since 1803, commenced an improvement under the bluff, east of Degognia Creek. He built a house and opened a farm, and in the fall of 1806 or the spring of 1807, he moved his family to that place. Here the writer of this sketch was born May, 6th 1807.*

*“About 1806, the **Brooks** family moved and settled on the Mississippi River, below the mouth of Degognia Creek. They were friends of **William Boone**. They had become acquainted with each other in Missouri, when they worked in the lead-mines. They were hard-working and industrious farmers and attended to their calling. They made the first farms there. **Zephina Brooks**, the oldest son, married **Polly Roberts** in 1822. **Adolphus Brooks** married **Nancy Roberts** in 1819. Afterwards all the Brookses, including **Uriah**, the father, and others, sold their interest to **Zephina Brooks** and moved to Baton Rouge, La. There **Adolphus** died leaving three children. **Nancy** returned to Illinois, and in 1831, she married **William Mansker**. He was born in 1798. They had four children. **W. H. Mansker** was the third child. He is now [circa 1870-1876] living at Fountain Bluff in Jackson County.*

*“**Cline** and others settled near Sheep Island (just below the mouth of Degognia Creek), near to where the **Brookses** lived. This island in 1810 contained 47.36 acres.*

*“**George Cline** intermarried and lived with the **Brooks** family until they moved to Louisiana. In 1826, **John Cline**, a younger brother of George's, married **Polly**, the widow of **Zephina Brooks**. **John** was a good man and a good farmer. He was well off when he died in 1837, leaving five children.*

*“**David Bilderback** settled about 1806, and was married during the same year. He had three children, then his wife died in 1810. He married **Hannah**, his second wife, in 1817. They had five children. **Daniel** died about the year 1833. He had a farm and was a good worker. He sold his farm to **Dr. W. W. Higgins**, who was a good citizen and neighbor.*

*“In 1804, **Henry Noble** and **Jessee Griggs**, his son-in-law, settled on Big Muddy River, north-east of Murphysboro, I think on the east bank. **John Phillips**, a tailor, **John Biddle*** and **Hugh McMillen**, with some others, settled near.*

*“(*In 1843, and for several years afterwards, John Biddle ran a horse-mill for grinding corn, near to where the county farm now is.)*

*“There was a family by the name of **Brilhart** that settled about this time under the bluff. **Jacob**, a son, worked for my father at Sand Ridge, and he was in the ranging service. He afterwards married a daughter of **Nathan Davis**, and moved with **Davis** to the south-west somewhere.²*

*“**William McRoberts** settled under the bluff at a very early time prior to 1810. He was the youngest brother of **James McRoberts**, father of **Samuel McRoberts**. He was a miller and he was crippled in one leg. He used to run **Col. Edgar's** mill*

² Jacob Brillhart died in Lawrence County, Arkansas in 1828. It appears that Nathan Davis may have lived there for a while, but in 1822 he emigrated to the Old Mexico Municipality in present-day East Texas (just west of Shreveport, Louisiana).

near Kaskaskia. I have heard him tell how **Anthony Wayne** drilled his troops at Pittsburg before he made his final move on to the Indian country. He was a man of fine mind, fond of jokes, and full of reminiscences of other days. He was a good citizen; his greatest fault was intemperance. In 1817, he bought a farm of **John Morrow** at the Big Hill and moved to it and greatly improved it. He was a good farmer and made an honest living, and died in 1836, aged 74 years.

*“**Park Grosvenor sr.** settled under the bluff in 1806 or 1807, about the time that my father settled there. They were near neighbors, **Grosvenor** was a hard-working and frugal man. **John**, his son was born in 1810 and died in 1847. A grandson is still living on the place that the grandfather first settled in 1807.*

*“**Col. James Gill** came from South Carolina and settled first on Mary's River in Randolph County. He was born in 1781, and married **Jannette**, daughter of **Alexander Gaston sr.** in 1805. Soon after his marriage, he and his wife and her brother, **William Gaston**, moved and settled at the Devil's Oven. He opened a good farm and built a ferry-boat in which to cross the Mississippi River to Missouri. He was possessed of some property and a great deal of energy, and soon had a comfortable double log house of the better quality, and a farm on which to commence making a living. He had a better education than was common among the pioneers. He was a moral man and possessed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. **Col. Gill** had two children by **Jannette**: **George W.** was born in 1811, and **Eliza E.** was born in 1813. The son is still living in Arkansas. **Col. Gill** was a Justice of the Peace, and for several years he was a colonel in the militia. Mrs. **Jannette Gill** died in 1814. **William Gaston**, her brother, settled on the river or near it above the Oven, and about the time of the death of his sister, **Mrs. Gill**, he married the daughter of **Allen Henson**. He was a hard-working man and opened a good-sized farm and made a good living. **William Gaston** was the best singer I ever heard. **Gaston** and his first wife had three children, then she died.*

*“**Col. Gill** and **Sarah Laughlin** were married in 1816. She was the daughter of **Samuel Cochran**. When they were married, she had three children by **Henry Laughlin** her first husband, and **Gill** had two by his first wife. Afterwards, he had several children by his second wife. **Napolean**, the only son, is still living in Perry County, Missouri (he died after **Mr. Boone**) and he is a worthy man and citizen. **Col. Gill** died in 1827, aged 46 years, and his wife, Sarah, died in 1863, aged 73 years.*

*“**Benjamin Walker sr.** came from Tennessee and settled at the lower end of the Backbone, where the city of Grand Tower now is about 1806. He had a large family and was a hard-working man and a good and useful citizen. He made a good farm. Afterwards he sold his farm to **Judge Samuel Cochran**, and then he settled on Big Muddy River; there he lived many years, then in his old age moved to the hills and died there. He left but few descendants; **Nathan**, his oldest son, was a volunteer in the Black-Hawk war.*

*“**G. W. Green Henson** and wife came from Tennessee to the Big Hill in 1807,*

*“He had started with his father, **Allen Henson**, soon after he was married, but **Allen Henson** stopped on the way over winter and came out in 1808. He came also to the Big Hill. **Green Henson** finally located near the mouth of Big Muddy River, and **Allen** settled on the north-east quarter of section 18 town ten south, range three west. Each opened farms, and were of the first-class industrious farmers. **Allen** had been in the Indian war in North Carolina or Tennessee, and had been scalped and tomahawked and left for dead, but was afterwards found by his friends. It was by great care that he was restored to life and health again. A small part of the skull was cut out. I have seen his head and examined it. By removing the covering, the brain could be seen plainly. I knew the old man for many years, and about once a year, at first, he would have crazy spells, which would last for a week or two and then all would be right again. These crazy spells increased on him, and finally he died when about 80 years of age. He was a man of fine mind, moral and upright in all his intercourse with others. Only when he had those crazy spells, and then there was no harm in him. At such times he would go among his friends and sing funny songs, and was very child-like in his ways and acts. All who know him best and longest, thought that the hurt on his head was the cause of his crazy conduct.*

*“**John Aaron** and wife had no children. They lived north of Green's Creek. This creek gets its name from **Green Henson** who settled on it when he first came to the Big Hill. He settled on the same quarter-section that **Allen Henson** settled on.*

*“**Aaron** was a farmer and also a school-teacher. I know that he taught a school of nine months at my father's place on the Sand Ridge, in 1814 or 1815. At this school I first learned the alphabet. He left the country in 1816 or 1817. He was a man of steady habits, and was generally respected.*

*“**John Morrow**, his brother **Thomas Morrow** and their father, quite an old man, settled at Big Hill, on the north-west quarter of section 18, T. 10 T. S. 3 W. They were from Big Creek and Grand Pierre Creek on the Ohio River. They settled as early as 1806. **John** married **Meaky Johnson** on Grand Pierre, and had some family when they came. **Thomas** married a daughter of **Peter Hammon**, probably after they came. The two brothers became owners of the north-west quarter of section 18 — 10 — 3, and divided it between them. **John** finally sold his interest to **William McRoberts** in 1817. Not long after that, he died. **Thomas** lived on and improved his place pretty well. After his first wife died, he married again and lived comfortably and happy. During several years of his later life he was quite religious, and died at peace with God and all mankind. He died in 1839, about 40 years old. Two of his sons, **John** and **Thomas**, volunteered in the war with Mexico. They went in **Col. Dawson's** overland march. Both were minors.*

*“Old **Peter Hammons** settled where **J. P. East** now lives. He built a hand-mill, the first that was built at the Big Hill. He had a family. By nature he was wild, and rather unstable and immoral; he could not be called a bad man, and yet he was not a very good one. I don't know what his end was.*

*“**Jacob Louzadder**, with his large family, settled the place where **Henry B. Whitson** now lives, as early as 1806. He was a very industrious and economical farmer, who attended to his own business and let others do the same. He put up the necessary buildings, cleared land and had as neat a farm as any in the country. He set out a nice orchard of apples, peaches and cherries.*

*“I will here remark that all those I have mentioned or heretofore described, set out orchards as well as **Louzadder**. Those fruits were not then subject to blight as is now so often the case, but were much better than they are now.*

*“**Abner Thompson** married a sister of **James Worthen**, and his brother **Jacob Thompson** married a daughter of **Jacob Louzadder** and by her had several children. He died and was buried by his mother-in-law on the **Louzadder** farm at the Big Hill. There were two other brothers, **Ivan** and **Isaac**. **Reed Redfield** married **Polly**, and in 1829, moved to northern Illinois.*

*“**Ezekiel Tucker** married another daughter, and **Miller** married another. They all left and went North. **George**, a son, about my age, died at the home place in 1829. He was an efficient member of the Methodist Church.*

*“A family by the name of **Flemmons** settled at the **Elias Worthen** place, and, either before or after, **St. Clare Manson** lived on the same place, but it was improved by some one as early as 1806.*

*“When **William Boone** moved to Sand Ridge, he had a wife and three children, a negro man, **Peter**, and for neighbors, **George Saddler**, his wife and son, also **Stephen Saddler**, another son that was married, lived on the Sand Ridge. **George Saddler** cleared land and built a house for **William Boone** on the place as early as 1806 or 1807, and **Stephen** helped him.*

*“**Robin Glenn**, his wife and four children, also **Ewing** and **Isaac**, his sons by a former wife, and **Toney Wadley**, all lived near the crossing of Kinkaid Creek, with about sixty camps or lodges of the Kaskaskia Indians.*

*“**Henry Nobles** and **Jessee Griggs**, his son-in-law, settled on Big Muddy River in 1804. They were the pioneer settlers in that part of the country, for they lived north-east of Murphysboro. So says **Reynolds** in his history of Illinois. I knew both, and presume that **Reynolds** got his information from them. Shortly after, others settled about them. **Henry Nobles** was at that time quite an old man, for **Jessee Griggs**, who married his daughter, was probably 30 years of age in 1804. They farmed and reared stock for a living.*

"In 1811, or about that time, the Indians in the north and north-west put on signs of hostility. The settlers joined together and built a fort and block-house for their protection. I have been at it when I was a boy. It was on the west side (it would be better to say north side) of Big Muddy River and above the mouth of Little Muddy, if my memory serves me right.

*"**Henry Noble** lived and died on his place, as did his wife; but **Jessee Griggs** and his family moved to Brownsville in 1816, he being elected county commissioner with **Conrad Will** and **John Byars**, whose duty it was to locate the county seat.*

*"In 1816, **ELIAS BANCROFT**, deputy surveyor under ----- **Rector**, sectionized the townships. **William Boone** was with him and located a large quantity of land for Kaskaskians. Some of the officers were appointed for Jackson County, I think before Brownsville was located; for the deed to the land from **Jessee Griggs**, owner of the land, to **Jessee Griggs**, **John Byars** and **Conrad Will**, commissioners or trustees. This deed was executed in the spring of 1818, while Illinois was yet a territory. I have seen the deed with the certificate, "Recorded in Book 'A' Page 3, July, 4th, 1818, **William Wilson** Recorder." The new County was created by the Legislature held at Kaskaskia. The county seat when located was named in the bill, was to be called "BROWNSVILLE." All business was done and dated at Brownsville in conformity with the act. The deed was executed and acknowledged by **Jessee Griggs** and wife before **James Hall jr.**, a Justice of the Peace. The land had been entered under the credit act of Congress, so that the deed could not be made until the title was perfected.*

*"**Wilson** was succeeded as recorder by **Ed. Humphries**, and he by **Timothy Nash**, who was appointed to all the offices, to wit: Recorder, Judge of Probate, County Clerk Circuit Clerk, and he filled all these offices until he died. **Joel Manning** was appointed as his successor in 1820. **Jessee Griggs**, **John Byars** and **Conrad Will** were members of the first county court. **Jessee Griggs** was afterwards elected Sherriff, and was re-elected for several years thereafter.*

*"Contracts were let for the building of the court-house and jail. **Marion Fuller** took the contract for building the court-house and **Edward Miller** for building the jail. The court-house was so near completion, that court could be held in it. I think that the contract was never fully complied with.*

"In Braseau [sic: Brazeau] Bottom, in Missouri, there was a small settlement of Americans who settled before any in Southern Illinois. **Widow Fenwick** and **widow Hamilton** and three large families settled in that bottom as early as 1797 to 1808. They were from Maryland, and were Catholics. A very exemplary, moral and religious people. They owned several negroes and were well off in property. The **Fenwick** family settled in the upper end of the bottom. Old **Mrs. Fenwick**, or as she was usually called "**Granny Fenwick**," was the mother of the widow **Hamilton**, who lived near the mouth of Braseau Creek. Another daughter of*

Granny Fenwick, Mrs. Manning, lived between the others. They opened good farms and were friendly, social and religious people.

*("I suppose that here **Mr. Boone** means all south of Randolph County, for he well knew that Kaskaskia in that county, was settled long before that time.)*

*"**Dr. Fenwick** and my father became acquainted with each other at the lead-mines in Missouri about 1797. **Dr. Fenwick** went there to practice his profession. He was, as I have heard my father say, the best physician at these mines. He got his younger brother, **Ezekiel**, into business there in the mines. Some trouble grew up between **Ezekiel** and his employer, that reflected on **Ezekiel's** honesty, and he challenged his employer. The man refused to accept a challenge from such a character. The doctor then challenged him. The duel was fought and the doctor was killed. My father was present at the time, and lamented the death of the doctor, then whom he had never a truer friend. The doctor had encouraged my father, who was without education, to learn, and he became his first preceptor [sic: preceptor], which made the loss so much greater to him.*

"In the vicinity of Jonesboro and Huggin's Creek, there were some few settlers about as early as those mentioned, or probably a little earlier. On the Ohio, at and near Fort Massac, were also some settlers about this time. Steel's Mill, or Georgetown, was settled about the same date.

"These constitute all the settlements in Randolph County, east of Huggin's Creek, prior to 1806. The heads of families all told in Jackson County in 1807, were about twenty-four. (24) I think this is very nearly correct, and entirely so as far as I can trace it.

"When these first settlers settled in the country, there were no roads only as they made them. There were no houses only as they built them. The country was entirely in a state of nature; wild game was abundant, snakes superabundant.

*"They first located on water-courses and at springs. When they had selected a place, they cut off the very dense timber to build their cabins. They put up their cabins all of wood; not a nail or particle of iron in its construction. The floor was composed of puncheons, or often the earth only, without anything but it; and such was their home. They cleared land, as much as they could, for a truck-patch, to raise corn, cotton, and some garden vegetables. Every family had a grater, or mortar and pestle, with which they made their meal and hominy. The nearest mill was **John Edgar's**, near Kaskaskia. To it at times they all went. The nearest and only place where they could get calicoes or domestics or axes or drawing-knives or hoes &c., was at Kaskaskia, a distance of from 35 to 40 miles.*

"These settlers had a hard time and underwent many privations, and yet seemed to be content. The women made their own clothing and shirts for the men and boys. The rest of their clothing being supplied by dressed deer-skins.

*"From 1807 to 1816, there was a considerable accession to the country. **William Boone** moved to Sand Ridge in 1809. The same year **George Creath** came. He moved his family on a boat and landed at or near Sheep Island. Having sent some of the family with the horses across the country from near Shawneetown, he moved into the house on my father's place at the bluff. At this place, his son, **Hiram Creath** was born in 1810. **George Creath** remained there until his wife died in 1813 and he died in 1813.*

*"**James Davis** had bought the old Creath farm from some one and sold it to **Col. George Creath** in 1812, and he afterwards settled on the **James Davis** place at the bluffs in 1812 or '13.*

*"**Joseph French** and family settled where Murphysboro now is, about the year 1808. **John Byars** and his large family settled south of Big Muddy River. Also **Nathan** and **Clement Davis**, two brothers, settled on Big Muddy River about that time.*

*"**Hezekiah Davis**,* a blacksmith, settled somewhere on Big Muddy River with his family about this time.*

*"(The descendants of **Hezekiah Davis** were called by **Iri Byars**, "Long Davises." **H. Davis** had three sons and two daughters, viz : **Jessee**, **Eliphaz**, **Hezekiah**, **Nancy** and **Anne**. **Anne** died soon after she was married and before they came to this county, the rest all raised large families, **H. Davis sr.** lived near Big Muddy, west of Mud Creek. **Nancy** married **Adam Phifer**.)*

*"(There were also there brothers that Byars called "Short Davises." They were **Phillip**, **Alfred** and **Wesley**. They all had large families.)*

*"**John Ryan** and family settled south of Big Muddy as early probably as 1809 to 1812.*

*"**John Robinson**, a son-in-law of **French**, settled on Beaucoup Creek near Big Muddy. He was a ranger in the war of 1812.*

*"**James Worthen sr.** settled in 1809 on Big Muddy River. **Charles** and **Frank Garner**, **Samuel Davis**, **John Phelps**, **Hugh McMillen**, **John Biddle**, **Baxton** and **Tom Parrish**, all settled in the country about this time, some of them perhaps earlier.*

"These were all hunters and Indian fighters; this was their occupation when needed. Those I have noted were heads of families, with some others that I have forgotten, constituted the settlers in the present boundary of Jackson County. All these that I have named, I was well acquainted with. The dates I have tried to get as correct as I could. This year, 1812, the territory was organized, and the

Legislature was held at Kaskaskia annually thereafter. **Nina** [sic: Ninian] **Edwards** was Governor.

*“**Robin Glenn** with his large family, (as before stated,) settled on Big Muddy River at the foot of the bluff a short distance above Kinkaid Creek in 1809. He had two grown sons, **Ewing**, the eldest, and **Isaac**. He had four children by a second wife. **James**, the youngest, was about my age. **Ewing** was married before they came to the country, I do not know where they lived. I remember that he did live for a while at the bluff settlement. About 1813, **Robin Glenn** moved and settled on the west side of Kinkaid Creek. Here **James** died in 1813, and in 1814, old **Mrs. Glenn** died from a disease then known as 'cold plague.' Here in 1836, the old man died when he [was] about 80 years of age. **Ewing** left the country in 1817. **Isaac** settled at or near the bluff and had several children. He has only two children now living, a son and a daughter by his second wife.*

*“**James Roberts sr.** settled in the bottom near **Zephina Brooks** about 1812. He had a large family. **Polly** married **Zephina Brooks** and **Nancy** married **Adolphus Brooks**.*

*“The **Halls**, **James Hall sr.** and **James Hall jr.**, **E. Canada**, **John Glenn** and families came in 1810 to '12.*

*“**Peter Golliher** settled down the river with his large family.*

*“**Alexander Gaston** and his son, **Alexander** settled at the Big Hill on Green's Creek, in 1811 or '12. The old man was burned to death in his house in 1815. My father bought some negroes of him once. (In another account, **Mr. Boone** calls them both “**Abner Gaston**,” and says that both were burned up in the house.)*

*“**Stephen Jones** came with his family from Tennessee and settled near Big Muddy, on Sand Ridge. **Thomas Whitson** came out with Jones. He was from North Carolina. He went first to Missouri, but in 1813, after the birth of his second child **Eliza**, he returned to Illinois again and settled with his family at the upper end of the Big Hill, and joined the rangers. He was with them at the treaty of peace at Fort Ash. **Eliza** is now living in Grand Tower.*

*“**Benjamin F. Conner** came to Illinois in 1813, and settled south-east of Big Muddy River. The **Ozborns** came about the same time.*

*“In 1812, war was declared against England. The hostile Indians sided with the British and generally arrayed themselves against the Americans. **Gen. Harrison** kept the greatest bodies of them in check, yet many wandering bands made inroads, and killed many of the frontier settlers. For their protection, **Gov. Edwards** recommended, and Congress approved of the raising of companies to range between the settlements and the hostile Indians. The Indians were in the*

north and north-east of a long string of settlements from the Illinois River all along the Mississippi River to the Ohio River and up that stream to Shawneetown.

*“**William Boone**, my father, was elected Captain of one of these companies that was raised in the present limits of Jackson County. These companies were raised in 1812, and continued until peace was made, then they were disbanded. They guarded the country from Mary's River to Big Muddy. A few hostile Indians slipped in and killed a family by the name of **Lively**. Boone's company, or a part of them, went in pursuit. He had with him a celebrated hunter by the name of **Dozan**. They traced and followed them for several days, and finally came in sight of their encampment, but, to their surprise, saw that there were several hundred Indians. They beat a hasty and successful retreat, for the Indians probably never saw them.*

“In 1813, the war continued. Various deprecations [sic: depredations] were committed by the Indians in the various settlements. A close watch was necessarily kept. The captain and some of his company were much on the skirmish. At times they were concentrated by the Governor and marched to the Illinois River.

*“In the years 1813 and '14, a fatal disease prevailed all over the country, of which many persons died. The captain's wife, my mother, died with it in 1813, leaving five children, the eldest of which was born in 1803. He was at home when she died. **Mrs. Creath** died in 1813, **Polly Taylor** and many others in 1813. Old **Mrs. Glenn** and **Mrs. Gill** in 1814. This disease prevailed to an alarming extent in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, both in the army and among the inhabitants.*

*“**Conrad Will** moved his family and settled at Kaskaskia. He visited the country and bought a small drove of cattle in 1811 and drove them to Pennsylvania.* While at Kaskaskia, he, with others, leased from the government the salt wells or licks for a term of ten years. In 1814, he went to Pennsylvania and bought the necessary kettles &c. for making salt. He landed them as conveniently as he could to where they were intended to be used. He moved his family from Kaskaskia to the salt licks in 1815, into a double log house. He dug a well for salt, placed the kettles in the furnaces and commenced making salt. Hands necessary to run the works were hard to get out of the citizen settlers, so he went to Kentucky and contracts with slave owners for as many as were necessary, and succeeded. The negroes had to be returned to Kentucky every ninety days, or the ordinance would set them free. The country had been supplied with salt prior to that time by salt being brought on packhorses from Ohio. I have known my father to make two or three trips of that kind.*

*“(***Mr. Boone** does not say anything more about Mr. **Conrad Will's** family, but he himself married one of the daughters, **John Bowers** married one and **William Worthen** another. I have often seen the widow **Mrs. Will** at the house of her daughter, **Mrs. Worthen**.)*

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*"In 1814, **William Boone**, my father, married **Catharine Bradshaw**. She had three children and my father had five. He was married in the time of the war, though peace was made shortly afterwards.*

*"In 1811, **William Boone** built a flat-boat on Big Muddy below the mouth of Kinkaid, and loaded it. He, and **Zephina Brooks**, and **Peter**, his black man, took it to New Orleans. It sold well, and payment was made in silver rix-dollars.³ They crossed Lake Ponchartrain in a schooner, and then came home by land, passing through the Indian nation on what was called the "Tennessee and Natchez Trace," and thus to home.*

*"This year, 1811, was the year of the great earthquakes. My father's boat was above New Madrid at the time, floating down the river. I have often heard him and **Peter** tell about the effects of it on the river, and it was terrible. I remember the earthquakes, though I was only four years old. The first steamboat going to New Orleans, went out of the Ohio River about this time.*

*"Old **Solomon Snyder** with his large family settled in the country as early as 1813, with many others.*

*"**Thomas and William Taylor** and their families lived in the bottom, in the bluff settlement in 1813. They afterwards settled on Big Muddy River. Also **Benjamin Henderson** came in 1814.*

*In 1814:, there was quite a large accession to the county. **Samuel Cochran** and family bought out **Ben. Walker** at the Backbone. **Pete Hammond** and **Richard Lee**, a local Methodist preacher, and family, **Giles and Benjamin Henson** and **St. Clair Manson**, all these settled at the Big Hill. **Joseph Duncan, Dr. John S. Duncan, Polly Ann Duncan, Old Mrs. Moore**, their mother, and her son, **Ben**, with several blacks, settled her. **Joe Duncan** built the best house in the country, near the river and under the bluff, and it was called the "White House" as long as it stood. He renovated the mill, and it did considerable business. The **Duncans** lived there several years. **Dr. Duncan** died and was buried there.*

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*"In 1813, **Peter** and **Phillip Hagler** settled on the ridge south of Big Muddy River. **Jonas Vancil**, and probably some others, settled in that part of the county. **David Halliday**, old **Mr. Gill**, **Daniel** and **William Doty**, **William Eakin**, **Benjamin Ripley**, two old men named **Pyles**, old **Mr. Weils**, old **Mr. Flash**, and their large families, settled on the Nine Mile Prairie.*

³ A rix dollar was a Nederlandse Rijksdaalder or similar Dutch or German silver coin.

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"Corydon White and some of the Bilderbacks and William Roberts came this year, 1814. A large emigration from North Carolina settled south of Big Muddy River. Also the Ethertons settled south of that river on what is called the "Dutch Ridge."

"These new settlers were in general better off in money and property, and consequently general business somewhat revived. Many more mills, and of a better quality, were built in all the settlements. W. Roberts on the Mississippi River built one; old Mr. House, a one-armed man, a revolutionary-soldier, built one on the Ridge; the Schwartzes built one near Big Muddy River, and Mr. Lipe built another.

"House carpenters came in when the Kimmels came. John C. Clark, David Burkey, Kuntz, Tennon, Fuller, Tindley and Lucas, were there at an early day.

"William Boone had a blacksmith shop, and a smith by the name of R. W. Allen worked in it. Tony Morrow had tools and worked at the Big Hill. Hezekiah Davis had a shop on Big Muddy River. Hotburn had one in Brownsville awhile, then a Mr. Green worked at the trade in town.

"The first tan-yard was started by Conrad Will. William Worthen, his son-in-law, learned the art there.

"The first brick house was built north-east of the town. They brought the sand from Sand Ridge in canoes.

"The new settlers that came in 1817, legal voters or heads of families, were over one hundred, but only a few came in 1818.

"Jackson County in 1817, was entitled to elect a representative to the Legislature at Kaskaskia. I think it was Nathan Davis. Two Delegates to the Constitutional Convention at Kaskaskia were elected. They were to form a Constitution for Illinois to become a state. James Hall jr. and Conrad Will were the delegates from Jackson County. They met and adopted a Constitution which was approved by Congress in 1818, so Illinois was no longer a territory, but became the "State of Illinois."

"Whether there was a special session of the Legislature held at Kaskaskia in 1819 for legislative purposes, I have forgotten. Sometime in this year or the next, a senator and representative were elected. William Boone was elected senator for a term of four years, and Conrad Will representative for two years. The first session was held at Vandalia in 1820 or 1821.

*“**Timothy Nash** having died, **Joel Manning** was appointed his successor, principally through the recommendation of **William Boone**. **S. H. Kimmel** was the other applicant.*

“It was during this session that the first old State Bank was chartered. The parent bank was at Vandalia with a branch at Brownsville. The members were paid off in this money, and thus it got an early circulation. The money was soon at discount, and produced more real distress than any other cause all over the country. All manner of contracts had a provision that state paper was the kind of money to be paid. The people cut the bills in two to make change.

*“In 1832, the Legislature met again at Vandalia; **Mr. Boone** senator and **Mr. Will** representative.*

*“**Robert Henderson** came in 1821. **John McMurphy** taught school in the Holliday Settlement in that year and the next.*

*“**James Hall** put up a distillery and made whiskey about this time or sooner. **Samuel Hall** married in 1823. **Joel Manning** married **Diza**, sister of **Alexander M. Jenkins** this year. **Chamberlain** and **Howe** taught schools in these years.*

*“**A. M. Jenkins*** and his sister, **Diza**, came to Brownsville in 1817. **Mrs. Griggs** took **Diza** to help her in the boarding-house where she remained until **Joel Manning** married her in 1823. **Jenkins** found a home at **Conrod Will's** for a time and learned the carpenter's trade along with a young man by the name of **Michael Harmon**, who came about that time. **Jenkins** worked at the trade until he was about 21 years old, when he was elected constable. He served out his time and was a faithful officer.*

“(**A. M. Jenkins** was at one time Lieut. Governor of Illinois. He practiced law in Murphysboro for many years, and was at one time Judge of the Circuit Court. His son was in the 31st. Ill. Reg't in the war of 1861 to '05. Both were buried in the old cemetery at Carbondale, Ill.)*

“At this early period, the whole country was in a wild and uncultivated condition, only where the inhabitants had made their homes, which was generally on the watercourses or bottoms. The soil was rich and covered with timber of various kinds, black and white walnut, oaks of various kinds, sugar-tree, elm, beech, &c. &c., and many of them of the largest size. In such woods the settler made his farm. The chopping ax was an invaluable instrument; these, with hoes and other tools, they brought with them when they came. Some settlers came in wagons, some in carts, and many on pack-horses. It was shortly after the revolution, and the whole country was in a crippled condition. Illinois was a new country in which the soil was rich and the game abundant. If they could but get here, they would soon be able to get a home, and could raise their families above absolute want, hence nothing deterred them and they came. They were deprived of some of

the conveniences that they heretofore enjoyed, but they were more abundantly supplied by others. The grater supplied them with meal until mills took their place. Some used a mortar and pestle. Irish and sweet potatoes [sic] did well, and supplied the place of bread in a measure. They made a bountiful supply of sugar from the sugar-tree, and wild honey was in abundance. For shoes, they used moccasins until they tanned their own leather. Most of the families dug out a trough from a large log, and put oak bark in it with the hides, and thus made leather. They curried it with a drawing-knife and greased with o'possum, coon or bear's grease. There were no shoe-makers; every family made their own shoes. Their houses were made without any iron about them and were considered Indian-proof. Some had trace-chains, but many used raw-hide tugs for the reason that there was no other chance. I have seen two horses used to a breaking plow, and all the traces were tugs. The single-trees and double-tree were coupled with tugs, also they were fastened to the plow with tugs. Horse-collars were made of the husks of Indian corn, (usually called "shucks,") plaited and sewed together. They were good and easy collars, and scarcely ever chafed or scalded the shoulder. One of these collars would last several years if tug traces were used with them.

"The people were social and friendly, each being a protection to the other against the wild Indians. They would come a long way to a house-raising or a log-rolling or a corn-husking, (corn-shucking.) Every man would bring his wife and the larger members of the family, for the inevitable frolic which was to take place when the men had finished their work. There was no money, or very little, but at Kaskaskia there was a ready market for bear skins, deer skins, musk-rat skins, coon skins, &c. Through this source they could get their ammunition [sic] and guns, for they absolutely stood in need of them. Every man had his rifle kept in order, his flint, bullets, bullet-moulds, screw-driver, awl, butcher-knife and tomahawk, and all were fastened to the shot-pouch strap or to the belt around the waist. The men and boys wore pants of dressed deer-skins. The men also had leggins of the same material, also the meal sacks were of the same. Their caps were made of fox, wild-cat or musk-rat skins. The families raised their own cotton and carded, spun and wove it at home. Cards, wheels, looms &c. were as necessary to the women as rifles to the men. Every family had them, and the women made their own dresses, and shirts for the men and boys.

"Their tables were rudely made from a puncheon, with legs. Their chairs were three or four-legged stools. Knives and forks were as it happened. Those who had brought them with them, used them. The butcher-knife and jack-knife were quite as commonly used as table-knives. Their dishes were of pewter, their cooking utensils were generally an oven and lid, a pot and frying-pan. Their bed-steads were of*

"(Mr. Boone does not fully describe how a bed-stead was put up, but as I have often seen and made them I will say that a bed-stead had but one leg and two rails, one side rail and one end rail. The side rail had one end fastened to the leg*

or post and the other end fastened in a crack between the logs of the house at the right height above the floor. The end or foot rail had one end fastened to the leg above the other rail and the other end in the crack of the wall, then clap-boards, (split boards,) laid on for slats, with one end of each resting on the side-rail and the other in the crack in the wall, then the bedding was placed on the boards. the rudest construction, and very simple, requiring nothing to frame it but a five or six-quarter auger and an ax. The bottom was laid with split boards and over this was laid a bear-skin or other kind of skin.)

“After war was declared, and the ranging service authorized, nearly all of the young men and many of the older ones, joined the service. The volunteers had to furnish, or did furnish their own rifles and fixtures, their own clothing, horses, saddle and bridle, and be ready to go at a moment's notice. Government furnished the necessary ammunition, and to each man a pair of holster pistols. Scouts were constantly kept out watching for Indians or their signs, and this was kept up during the war, or till the treaty of peace at Fort Ash.

“The country did not improve much during the war, if any. Very few settlers came in, owing probably to the fact, that the war involved the whole country, and troops were detailed from every state.

*“I think it was in 1815, that the troops were paid off. **William Boone**, I know, paid a great deal of money to the troops as deputy pay-master, or some other such capacity. Money for a time, was abundant. The money was silver rix-dollars, and no fractional currency that I remember ever having been seen. I know that in the country, they cut the dollars in two, and these again in two &c. until we had halves, (50 cents,) quarters, (25 cents,) and bits, (eighths or 12½ cents,) of this money. They passed currently all over the country, to merchants of Kaskaskia and for every thing except in the land-office. It was finally bought up by the Government, and thus went out of use.*

*“The old settlers lived temperately, that is, they used very little whiskey, for they could not get it only at Kaskaskia, 40 or 50 miles away; but after the war was over, and the troops paid off, and money in every man's pocket, it begat a restlessness [sic], and extravagance [sic] was manifest. They could buy for they had money. Some bought whiskey and brought it in kegs on horses, thus insidiously many became intemperate. Many of the staid, firm men of the country became drunkards and died such. But many saved their money and bought their farms when the same was in market. * The land-office, in a short time, absorbed all the money in the country. As their land was paid for by installments, there followed the hardest times ever experienced by the people, for the money had all gone, and many had two or more payments still to make.*

“(When the early settler wanted a home, he selected his ground, built his house and opened his farm on public lands, leaving it to the future to enable him to buy it. Sometimes he bought it after many years, but some raised their families on the*

place and never bought it. They used to buy and sell the improvements or farms, but if any man bought the land of another man's improvement, he was boycotted by all the neighborhood.)

*"Where was the money to come from, or how could they ever get the means to save their land after having paid a portion? They could not tell. Many applied to **Peere** [sic: Pierre] **Menard** of Kaskaskia, and he helped them. Barter or exchange of one kind of goods or property for another, the people, by common consent adopted. That was the rating of property. Cattle was the basis of rate. A first-rate cow and calf was rated as worth ten dollars "in trade at trade rates." A second-rate cow and calf was worth eight dollars, and a third-rate cow and calf at six dollars. All other property had its value by rate, and if not agreed to by the parties, it was left to the neighbors, whose judgment settled the rate of all which was not fixed. All contracts made whether written or verbal, that had this stipulation in them, were thus settled and confirmed. This custom was observed for many years. Beef was worth about one half a cent a pound, and pork about the same. There was no market anywhere for cash. This was the condition of the country for a long time.*

*"During all these years, from 1816 to a later date, musters were closely attended to. Company, regimental, battalion and general drill or musters were kept up every year for many years. The musterings were not located at any one place, but at different places in the county. Every able-bodied man was enlisted, enrolled, and had to attend the different musters, or he was fined. Liquor was generally on hands, and when the drill was done, many fights would ensue. These musters were a fruitful source or school of intemperance and profanity. There being no common enemy, either in existence or in prospect, it was doing more harm than good to the community at large, and was finally dispensed with by the recommendation of **President Andrew Jackson**.*

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"All general elections were for many years held at the county seat and the voters voted viva voce. Every voter had to go there to vote or not vote at all at that election.

"No newspaper was published nearer than Kaskaskia, Edwardsville or Shawneetown, and but few were taken in the county. The United States' mail was conveyed on horse-back.

"I thus close up my sketches to 1823.

*"**BEN BOONE.**"*

C. LAND RECORDS PRIOR TO 1816

This chapter deals with the men and sometimes women who are found in the following lists in areas of what eventually became Jackson County, Illinois:

1. The squatters of 1807,
2. The preemptors of 1813,
3. Some of the men who served during the War of 1812 (typically in 1814 or 1815 - note that this is an incomplete list), and
4. Land entries made prior to 1816.

Also included is a short list of the patents issued in 1817, as the land entries for these had clearly been made in 1816 or earlier.

THE SQUATTERS OF 1807

The following information is taken from *Colonial and Territorial Research Collection of Illinois: Land Series, Vol XVIII, Report of Squatters in 1807*, by Raymond H. Hammes (unpublished, date unknown) as found on Family History Library microfilm #1543598. The records that follow are those which appear to have been located within present-day Jackson County, Illinois, though land descriptions used within the source document were not always sufficient to precisely determine for every property the current county in which it is located. As such, the following list may be incomplete.

The list is presented alphabetically, whereas the original source was arranged sequentially by application number.

NOTES:

- References to DEGAGNE RIVER are for DE GOGNIA CREEK, which forms the present-day boundary between Randolph County and Jackson County.
 - The MISSISSIPPI BOTTOM in Jackson County refers to the low-lying former channel of the Mississippi River, which in the ancient past had flowed east of Grand Tower, whereas the present channel flows west of Grand Tower.
 - Page numbers refer to the above cited source document.
- A. **BOONE, WILLIAM.** Application #134 (page 334), 1 Jan 1808, permitted the same day. The Township and Range are not specified, 320 acres situated on the Mississippi Bottom at the foot of the Bluff on a small creek about six miles below the mouth of the river Degagne.
- B. **JOHNSTON, JOEL.** Application #404 (page 344), no date given, no permission noted. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, T8S, R4W, 320 acres.
- C. **MAY, JOHN.** Application #1 (page 330), 17 Aug 1807, permitted the same day. T10S, R4W, 320 acres, situate on the back of the Mississippi at a place called Devil's Oven⁴, opposite to the improvement of **HENRY RICHEY**,⁵ about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above the Grand Tower.
- D. **REED, ELIZABETH.** Application #140 (page 334), 1 Jan 1808, permitted the same day. Township and Range not specified, 320 acres situate on the Mississippi Bottom about five miles below the mouth of the river Degagne and about one mile above the residence of **WILLIAM BOONE**.
- E. **SLATTER, TIRY.** Application #396 (page 343), 3 Dec 1807, permitted on 8 Jan 1808. Situate on the waters of Big Muddy, on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T10S, R3W.
- F. **WALKER, BENJAMIN.** Application #4 (page 330), 18 Aug 1807, permitted the same day. No section call given, T10S, R4W, 320 acres, situate on the east bank of the Mississippi about 300 yards below the Grand Tower, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a

⁴ Devil's Bake Oven, an almost hidden cave on the banks of the Mississippi River which is located along the edge of the river at the northern end of Devil's Backbone. Devil's Backbone is a rocky ridge located along the northern edge of the town of Grand Tower.

⁵ No application found for this person.

mile below the improvement of **JOHN MAY** – about five miles above the mouth of Muddy creek.

THE PREEMPTIONS OF 1813

The following information is taken from *Colonial and Territorial Research Collection of Illinois: Land Series, Vol XIX, Pre-Emption Permits in 1813*, by Raymond H. Hammes (unpublished, date unknown), Family History Library microfilm #1543598. Not all entries have complete location information, so the following list may not be complete.

Small numbers shown on the crude township & range grid map above refer to the list below. The large numbers listed vertically on the left are Townships, the large numbers listed horizontally at the top are Ranges. If these numbers had been superimposed on a map of Jackson County, it would clearly show that early settlement occurred mainly along the Mississippi and Big Muddy Rivers. This was because the rivers were the main means of travel at the time, though there was also a trail created by wild game paralleled the Mississippi that tended to avoid areas that were not well drained.

1. **BILDERBACK, WILLIAM.** Page 2, number 70, 21 Jul 1814. NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ NW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, T8S, R5W and a fractional part of Section 17, T8S, R5W. Inhabited, cultivated and improved on Mississippi prior to 5 Feb 1813 on NE & NW fractional quarter section of Section 20 & resided thereon. Attested by **SQUIRE CRAIN** and **ELIAS BARCROFT**.
2. **BOONE, WILLIAM.** Page 25, number 190, 15 Aug 1814. SE fraction of Section 16; SW fraction of Section 15; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22: all in T9S, R3W. Inhabited and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1813 the fractional quarter section of Section 16 and continued his residence. Attested by **WILLIAM C. GREENUP** and **ELIAS BARCRAFT**.
3. **BRILHART, JACOB.** Page 71, number 108, 3 Apr 1816. Inhabited, improved and cultivated on public land prior to 5 Feb 1813 – said improvement, the department was informed, was purchase by **WM. MCROBERTS** – that said **BRILHART** continued to reside in the reserved tract ever since. Attested by **SQUIRE CRAIN** and **JACOB BRILHART**.⁶ Location of property not provided.

⁶ In *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), page 30, Benningsen Boon states that the Brilharts settled “under the bluff” and that Jacob had worked for William Boon in Sand

4. **COCHRAN, WILLIAM.** Page 29, number 237, 24 Aug 1814. SE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 35, T8S, R4W; NE ¼ of Section 35, T8S, R4W; and NW ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W. Improved and cultivated on the NE ¼ of Section 34, T8S, R8W [sic] prior to the 5th of February and resides in the reserved tract ever since. Attested by **TAPHNA BROOKES.**
5. **CREATH, GEORGE.** Page 3, number 13, 30 Jun 1814. NE ¼ of Section 8; SE ¼ of Section 5: both in T9S, R2W. **JOHN WOOTEN** testified that George had caused Section 5, T9S, R2W to be improved, and he cultivated and resided there prior to 5 Feb 1813.
6. **DAVIS, CLEMENT.** Page 26, number 161, 9 Aug 1814. SE ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R2W. **ADAM FISHER** [sic: **FIFER**] and **JESSE RASCO** testified that he inhabited and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continued to reside thereon.
7. **DAVIS, JAMES.** Page 26, number 245, 3 Sep 1814. NW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 6, T9S, R3W and NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W. **JAMES DAVIS** made improvements prior to 5 Feb 1813. **JAMES HALL, JUNIOR** stated that he did not know if the improvements were on the stated properties, but that they were made prior to the said date on the land were **JAMES DAVIS** now lives. **ELIAS BARCRAFT** [sic: Barcroft] stated that was on the aforesaid property.
8. **DAVIS, JEREMIAH.** Page 4, number 73, 23 Jul 1814. NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 23, T8S, R2W. **JEREMIAH** had cultivated and improved the said NE ¼ of Section 9, T9S, R2W and resided thereon prior to 5 Feb 1813. **JOHN** or **ROBERT MARSHALL** stated that on 1 Mar 1813 he settled on the NE ¼ of Section 23, T8S, R2W and cultivated and improved that property. **WILLIAM WELSH** stated that **JEREMIAH** had purchased the latter property from a Mr. **THOMPSON** prior 5 Feb 1813 and the property consisted of a cabin, rails and two small pens.
9. **DAVIS, JOSHUA.** Page 47, number 332, 17 Sep 1814. Per **JAMES WARTHEN** [sic: **WORTHEN**], the NE ¼ of Section 11, T9S, R2W was cultivated and improved by **JOSHUA DAVIS** prior to 5 Feb 1813 and he had lived on it ever since that date.
10. **DAVIS, NATHAN.** Page 4, number 45, 15 Jul 1814. Fractional NE ¼ and fractional NW ¼ of Section 34, T8S, R2W and the SE ¼ of Section 27, T8S, R2W. Cultivated, inhabited & improved prior to 5 Feb 1813 & still resides thereon viz the N ½ of Section 34. Attested by **ADAM FIFER.**
11. **FIFER, ADAM.** Page 6, number 160, 9 Aug 1814. The NW ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R2W. Inhabited, improved and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1814 [sic] & continued his residence. Attested by **CLEMENT DAVIS.**
12. **FRANKLIN, GEORGE.** Page 6, number 371, 30 Sep 1814. The SE ¼ of Section 29, T8S, R4W. Inhabited & cultivated on the within quarter section prior to 5 Feb 1813 and resides in the reserved tract ever since. Attested by **WILLIAM BOONE.**
13. **FRENCH, JOSEPH.** Page 6, number 18, 8 Jul 1814. The SE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 4, T9S, R2W and the NE ¼ and NW ¼ of Section 9, T9S, R2W.

Ridge Township. That would mean that his property was located near the intersection of Big Lake, Sand Ridge and Kinkaid Townships.

- Inhabited and cultivated before 5 Feb 1813 and still resides on the same Tract he improved near ye Coal Bank. Attested by **WILLIAM TAYLOR** and **JOHN MARSHALL**.
14. **GARNER, FRANCIS**. Page 43, number 299, 11 Sep 1814. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T9S, R2W and an unspecified $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7, T9S, R2W. Improved and cultivated on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T2W [sic T9S, R2W]. Improved and inhabited on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 8 T9S, R2W prior to 5 Feb 1813 and still resides thereon. Attested by **JOHN WOOLEN**.
 15. **GILL, JAMES**. Page 7, number 46, 16 Jul 1814. A fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, both in T10S, R4W. Improved, cultivated and resided on a fractional quarter of Section 23 and continues his residence to this place. Attested by **BENJAMIN WALKER**.
 16. **GLEEN** [sic, Glenn], **WILLIAM**. Page 34, number 246, 3 Sep 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T9S, R3W. Cultivated and improved prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues residence ever since. Attested by **ROBERT GLENN** and **ELIAS BARCROFT**.
 17. **GRIGGS, JESSE**. Page 52, number 348, 26 Sep 1814. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T8S, R1W and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T8S R1W. Cultivated and improved on the farm he now lives on prior to 5 Feb 1813. **JESSE GRIGGS** states on oath that his improvement in/on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T8S, R8W [sic]. Range 8 W in error – not on map. Attested by **THOMAS COXE** and **JESSE GRIGGS**.
 18. **HALL, JAMES SR**. Page 8, number 75, 25 Aug 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, T8S, R2W. Inhabited and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1813. Attested by **JAMES HALL, SR.** and **JAMES DAVIS**.
 19. **HALL, JAMES JR**. Page 8, number 75, 25 Aug 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, T8S, R2W. Inhabited and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1813. Attested by **JAMES HALL, SR.** and **JAMES DAVIS**.
 20. **LAUGHLIN, SARAH**.⁷ Page 2, number 323, 16 Sep 1814. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, T9S, R4W. The widow **SARAH LAUGHLIN** did inhabit and cultivate by gathering her crop from the last of Sep 1812 until the spring following when her husband died. **ELIAS BARCROFT** states that he understood from his map etc. was of the opinion that the within quarter section is the one on which the widow **LAUGHLIN** lived at the time of her husband's death. Attested by **SAM COCHRAN**.
 21. **LEWIS, HUGH**. Page 40, number 275, 8 Sep 1814. The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, T8S, R2W. Inhabited and improved where he now lives, prior to 5 Feb 1813, and adjoining section west of the one in which he lives was also occupied by him, on it was a school house, wherein he taught for 3 years past. **NATHAN DAVIS** says the above is on Section 27 above described prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues residence. Attested by **JOHN WOOTEN**.
 22. **LEWIS, THOMAS**. Page 40, number 298, 11 Sep 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, T9S, R2W. Cultivated and improved on the place

⁷ On page 33 of *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), Benningsen Boon states that Sarah Laughlin was the daughter of Samuel Cochran and widow of Henry Laughlin. She remarried to Col. James Gill.

where **CHARLES GARNER** now lives on prior to 5 Feb 1813. **JOHN WOOTEN** says that the improvement above stated and on which **CHARLES GARNER** now lives is on the SE quarter above described. Attested by **NATHAN DAVIS**.

23. **McMILLIN, HUGH**. Page 33, number 244, 2 Sep 1814. The NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T8S, R1W. Cultivated and inhabited prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues residence ever since. Attested by **ROBERT MARSHALL**.
24. **McROBERTS, WILLIAM**. Page 12, number 82, 29 Jul 1814. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, T8S, R4W. Inhabited, improved and cultivated the SW quarter prior to 5 Feb 1813 and still resides thereon. Attested by **ADAM WOOLRICK**. This application appears to have been replaced by the application that follows.
25. **McROBERTS, WILLIAM**. Page 49, number 340, 22 Sep 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, T8S, R4W. Did improve, cultivate and inhabit on the place on which he lived about three years ago prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continued to reside in the neighborhood ever since – **BARCROFT** saith said improvement was made on the SW quarter of Section 29 within described. Attested by **WILLIAM BOONE** and **ELIAS BARCROFT**.
26. **MANSON, ST. CLAIR**. Page 49, number 335, 20 Sep 1814. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T10S, R3W. Cultivated and improved on the SE quarter of Section 6 as above, prior to 5 Feb 1813 and still resides in the same reserved tract. Attested by **ANDREW THOMPSON**.
27. **MARSHALL, ROBT^T**. Page 12, number 74, 23 Jul 1814. SE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$, SW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 and SE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, T8S, R1W. Improved and cultivated on SE quarter of Section 21 prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues to reside thereon to this time. **JEREMIAH DAVIS** is not certain as to the number of the Section improved – deposeth only to the other facts stated. Attested by **JEREMIAH DAVIS** and **WILLIAM WELCH**.
28. **MILLER, EDWARD**. Page 76, number 137, 6 Jul 1816 [sic]. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T9S, R3W. Sep 1812 and prior to 5 Feb 1813 cleared a turnip patch and cultivated the same in Turnips in fall 1812, continued about $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ acre on said quarter, resided on said Section prior to 5 Feb 1813 – lived with **DEP^{TS}** family. Attested by **WM. BOONE**.
29. **NOBLE, HENRY**. Page 13, number 349, 26 Sep 1814. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, T8S, R1W. [No further information was provided.]
30. **RASCO, JESSE**. Page 17, number 162, 9 Aug 1814. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T9S, R2W. Inhabited, improved and cultivated prior to 5 Feb 1813 and resided ever since. Attested by **CLEM^T DAVIS** and **ADAM FIFER**.
31. **REED, ELIZA**. Page 45, number 379, 1 Oct 1814. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T8S, R5W. Cultivated and improved prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues to reside thereon. Attested by **WILLIAM BOONE**.
32. **ROBINSON, JOHN**. Page 45, number 297, 4 Aug 1814. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T9S, R2W. [No narrative provided.] Attested by **NATHAN DAVIS**.
33. **TAYLOR, WILLIAM**. Page 32, number 248, 3 Sep 1814. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T8S, R4W. **ROBERT GLENN** attested that he did cultivate and inhabit on the improvement he now lives on prior to 5 Feb 1813, and still resides

- thereon. **ELIAS BARCROFT** duly swore that Taylor's present residence and improvement is made on the SE quarter section herein described.
34. **THOMPSON, ANDREW**. Page 19, number 148, 9 Aug 1814. The W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26, T8S, R2W. Inhabited, improved and cultivated SW quarter of said Section prior to 5 Feb 1813 and has resided thereon ever since. Attested by **EVAN THOMPSON** and **CHARLES THOMPSON**.
35. **THOMPSON, EVAN**. Page 19, number 154, 9 Aug 1814. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T8S, R2W. Cultivated on Section 26, T8S, R2W prior to 5 Feb 1813, since removed to Sec now entered and cultivated and still resides thereon. Attested by **ANDREW THOMPSON**.
36. **WALKER, BENJ.** Page 22, number 47, 16 Jul 1814. The NW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$, SE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T10S, R4W. Cultivated and improved NW $\frac{1}{4}$ prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues his residence to this time. Attested by **JAMES GILL** and **ELIAS BARCROFT**.
37. **WARTHEN** [sic: Worthen], **JAMES**. Page 50, number 333, 17 Sep 1814. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T9S, R2W. Cultivated and improved on the said quarter section prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continues residence thereon ever since. Attested by **JOSHUA DAVIS**.
38. **WEST, JAMES**. Page 22, number 71, 22 Jul 1814. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T8S, R1W and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T8S, R2W. Inhabited and improved on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 prior to 5 Feb 1813 and still resides thereon. Attested by **JOHN MARSHALL** and **FRANCIS THORNBURY**.

WILLIAM BOONE'S COMPANY OF RANGERS

The following roll taken on 5 Mar 1813 acts as a supplement and enhancement to the above list of pre-emptive settlers.⁸

Captain

William Boone

First Lieutenant

John Lacy

Second Lieutenant

William Bilderback

Ensign

John Bilderback

Sergeants

Robert Gaston

Louis La Chappelle

Michael Buyat

Amos Chaffin

Corporals

Joseph French

Adam Woolrick

Zophue Brooks

Henry Barbeau

Privates

Cola

Pesio

Poscal

Robert Alexander

David Bailey

Antoine Barbeau

William Barnett

Julian Bart

Charles Bilderback

Daniel Bilderback

Jacob Bowerman

Jacob Brilhart

Benjamin Buyat

Ellis Chaffin

Alexander Clarke

John Clyne

George Cochran

Henry Conner

Peter Cossy

Joel Craine

George Creath

Ralph Davis

Gregone DeGognie

Peter Dolin

Louis Dory

John Drury

William Fisher

Levi French

Samuel French

William Gaston

John Gadier

Charles Garner

Francis Garner

William Garner

Baptiste Gendron

Isaac Glenn

Thomas Glenn

Erne Godier

Isadore Godier

Jacob Honnan

James Hughes

Daniel Hull

Joseph La Franbris

James Lee

Jabez Leone

Shadrock Lively

Jacob Luzadder

John Machan

Jacob May

Stace McDonough

Francis Montroy

Peter Pillet

Elias Roberts

John Roberts

James Robinson

John Robinson

Andre Roy

Archibald Snodgrass

Archibald Steele

Levi Tamaroa

John Baptiste Tamaroa

Henry Teabeau

Robert Thompson

William Tilford

Adam Wingheart

Thomas Wadley

John Wooten

John Young

⁸ *Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War, 1831-32 and in the Mexican War, 1846-8* by Isaac H. Elliott (1882), page 337.

The above is just one of many previously extant militia rolls, and as such represents a very incomplete list of who had served in the Rangers. Nathan Davis was also known to have served, though he is missing from the above list.⁹ Remembrance Davis (Nathan's nephew) had served in Captain Evans Company Mounted Illinois Militia.¹⁰ And Benningsen Boone, as noted earlier, had described the following additional men as having been "hunters and Indian fighters:"

James Davis
John Byars
Clement Davis
Hezekiah Davis
John Ryan

John Robinson
James Worthen
Francis Garner
Samuel Davis

John Phelps
Hugh McMillen
John Biddle
Baxton Parrish
Tom Parrish

⁹ *Two Centuries in East Texas* by G. L. Crocket (1932). Page number not known.

¹⁰ *Family Work Sheet: The Davis Family Connection* by Garner Doolin (typescript, undated), page 3, item 2.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM ALEXANDER'S COMPANY

William Boone's Company had been raised from the men of Randolph County, Illinois Territory. Another company was formed by Captain William Alexander, and included some of the same men found Boone's company. The roll for Alexander's Company is as follows (those men listed in both Boone's and Alexander's Companies are *italicized* in the list below, which is derived from the Illinois Secretary of States' online database of War of 1812 Veterans):

Captain

William Alexander

Lieutenant

William McBride

Sergeants

John Anderson

Amos Chaffin

David Everett

George Wilson

Corporals

William Alexander

George Cochran

William Dees

Adam McDonald

Joseph Robinson

Privates

Israel Bailey

Daniel Bilderback

Simeon Brundage

Joseph Butea

Alexander Camudy

Joseph Conway

John Crawford

George Creath

James Curry

Louis Dore

Joseph Eberman

James Eden

John Fisher

James Gill

Robert Haggins

John Hill

Daniel Hull

Jean B. Iondrow

Eli Lankford

Calvin Laurence

Edward Lay

John Lively

George Martin

John May

John McBride

Robert McDonald

James McNabb

Joseph Miller

James Murtry

Henry Null

Idmer Patton

John Baptiste Pera

Joseph Petoine

Jerome F. Pure

Amos Robinson

Robert Robinson

Edward Rolls

Arch Snodgrass

Leonard St. John

Drury Stephens

Joseph Vassume

William Welch

James White

John F. White

Daniel Winn

LAND ENTRIES PRIOR TO 1816

Jackson County, Illinois was created on 10 Jan 1816. Prior to that time, Randolph County had jurisdiction of the area north and west of the Big Muddy River, and Johnson County had jurisdiction of the area south and east of the Big Muddy.

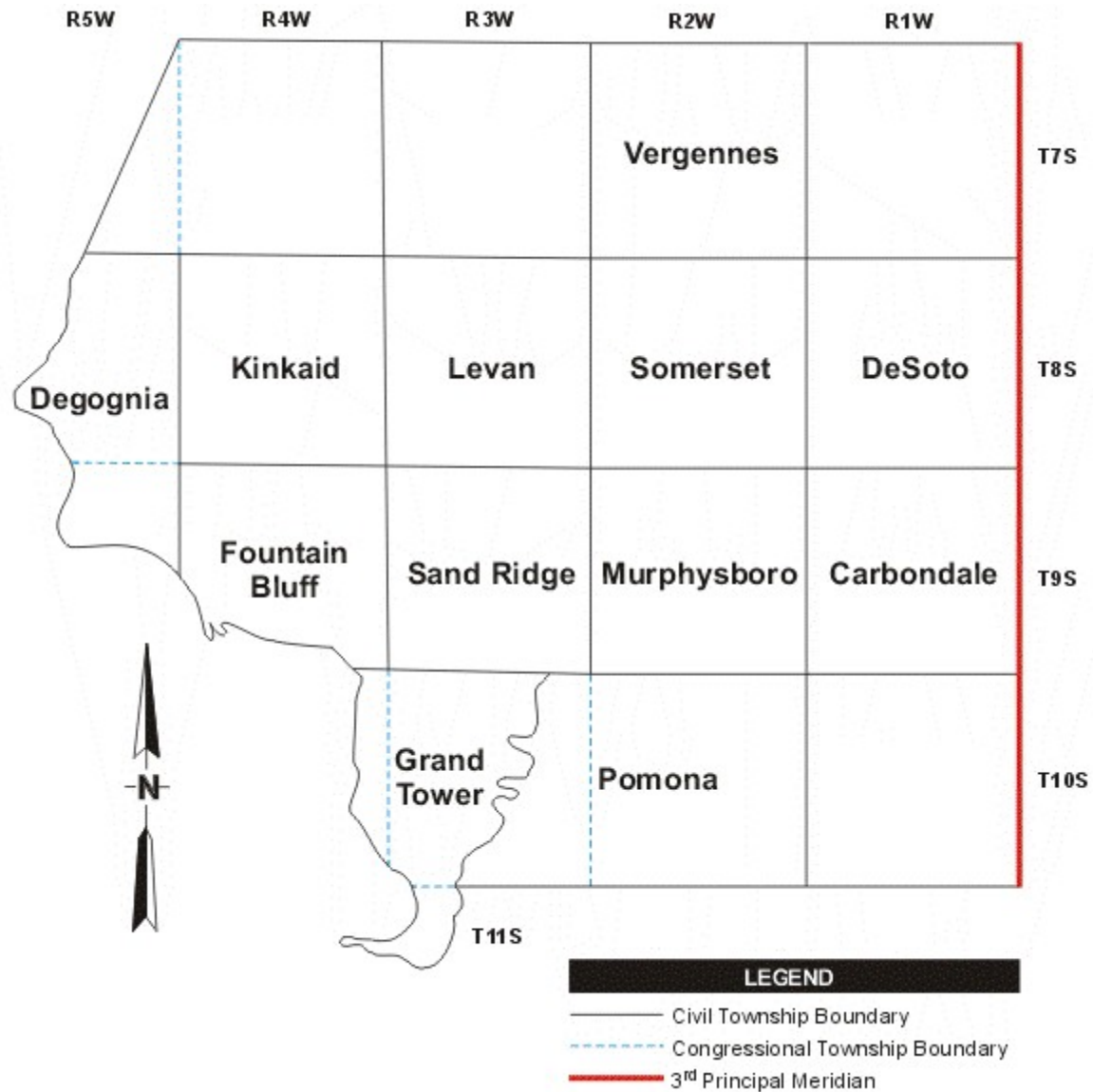
The process of acquiring land from the Government Land Office begins with a land entry, which can either be an outright purchase of the land or a purchase made over a set period of time as established by law. Once the purchase is completed, the owner receives a patent to the land. When patented land is subsequently sold, it is recorded as a deed in the county in which the sale takes place. It is also possible to sell an interest to land that has yet to be patented – selling an interest in the land entry and any other payments which had been made toward eventually obtaining a patent. Thus, there is some possibility that a few early deeds for property lying within present-day Jackson County could have been recorded in Randolph County, Illinois Territory or Johnson County, Illinois Territory during the sixteen-month period between when the land office was opened and when Jackson County, Illinois Territory was created.

Record of land entries can be found online in the Illinois Secretary of State's *Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database*. The following is a list of only those land entries that took place within present-day Jackson County prior to 10 Jan 1816, and when and to whom the subsequent patent was issued. Since civil townships within Jackson County largely correspond to the Government Land Office's Congressional Townships (based upon the township and range grid of the Public Land Survey System), the land entry results that follow are grouped by the present-day civil townships of Jackson County.

There were no land entries prior to 10 Jan 1816 for:

- Elk Township (T7S, R1W),
- Bradley Township (T7S, R4W and R5W), and
- Makanda Township (T10S, R1W).

The map below shows the current civil township boundaries for Jackson County, Illinois. With just a few exceptions, these boundaries mainly follow congressional township boundaries and have remained unchanged since at least the 1870s, when the first civil township maps were created. In this map, the township of Pomona and Grand Tower are the only ones to have changed. The former Big Hill Township was bisected by Big Muddy River. The western half was combined with Grand Tower Township. The eastern half was combined with the former Ridge Township to create Pomona Township.



Source: Illinois Secretary of State (2021).

In the sections that follow, land speculators are denoted by an Asterix (*) in front of their name. The intent is to draw attention to the properties that people actually had settled upon, to give a sense of the pattern of the earliest settlement of Jackson County, Illinois. This shows that proximity to a trail or navigable river was the primary selection criteria used by these early pioneers. Access to potable water, plus timber for building material and heat, was also important.

Elk Township (T7S, R1W)

There were no land entries in Elk Township prior to 10 Jan 1816. The first land entry took place in approximately 1818.

Vergennes Township (T7S, R2W)

Both of the two men below were speculators, particularly William McIntosh, and thus no map is provided showing the locations of the properties listed below. They were located in the extreme southern end of Vergennes Township.

1. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH & GABRIEL RICHARD**, on 24 Apr 1815, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35.
Patented on 14 Jul 1817 by **WILLIAM MCINTOSH, VINCENNES RICHARDS** and **GABRIEL RICHARDS**.
2. ***GABRIEL RICHARD**, on 24 Apr 1815, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36.
Patented on 14 Jul 1817 by **WILLIAM MCINTOSH, VINCENNES RICHARDS** and **GABRIEL RICHARDS**.

Ora Township (T7S, R3W)

There were no land entries in Ora Township prior to 10 Jan 1816. The first land entry took place there in approximately 1821.¹¹

Bradley Township (T7S, R4W & R5W)

There were no land entries in Bradley Township prior to 10 Jan 1816. The first land entry took place there in approximately 1818.

¹¹ The 1876 Warner & Beers atlas has this labeled as Ord Township. An 1870 version of the same map labeled it as Killion Township.

DeSoto Township (T8S, R1W)

The majority of properties in this township were purchased by speculators (designated by a star before their name). The map above only shows the location of the others, though some of them may also have been minor land speculators.

1. **JAMES WEST** on 23 Aug 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 29 Dec 1818.
2. **ROBERT MARSHALL** on 1 Oct 1814, the SE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 21.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818 by **WILLIAM BOONE**, assignee of **ROBERT MARSHALL**.
3. **HUGH M^CMILLEN** on 1 Oct 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 6 Mar 1818.
4. **JESSE GRIGGS**. Entered on 1 Oct 1814, patented on 26 May 1817:
 - a. the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 32 and
 - b. the NW ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 33.
5. ***WILLIAM MORRISON**, entered on 10 Apr 1815, patented on 3 Oct 1823:
 - a. the E ½ of Section 10,
 - b. the NW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 11,
 - c. the NE ¼, NW ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 14,
 - d. the SE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 23,
 - e. the SECT of Section 27,
 - f. the SE ¼ of Section 31 and
 - g. the NW ¼ of Section 32.
6. ***JOHN R. JONES**, entered on 14 Apr 1815, patented on 3 Dec 1818 to **JOHN RICE JONES**:
 - a. the SW ¼ of Section 11,
 - b. the S ½ of Section 13,
 - c. the SE ¼ of Section 14,
 - d. the NE ¼ of Section 23,
 - e. the NW ¼ of Section 24,
 - f. the NE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 31 and
 - g. the NE ¼ of Section 34.
7. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 20.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
8. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 20.
Patented 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, ROSS JAMES** and **JAMES R. BULTER**, administrators of the estate of **JAMES O'HARA**.
9. ***PIERRE MENARD**, entered on 29 Apr 1815, patented on 22 Jun 1824:
 - a. the SE ¼ of Section 15 and
 - b. the S ½ of Section 22.
10. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the S ½ of Section 19.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.

Somerset Township (T8S, R2W)

1. **JAMES HALL** on 13 Aug 1813, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
2. **JAMES HALL** on 13 Sep 1813, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
3. **ANDREW HOMAS** and **ANDREW THOMPSON** on 12 Aug 1814, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26.
Patented on 26 May 1817 by **ANDREW THOMPSON**.
4. **JAMES HALL, JUNIOR** on 13 Aug 1814, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22.
This is a duplicate of the first two entries for this township. Did James Hall, Senior die, and Junior renewed his land entries in his own name?
5. **JAMES HALL, SENIOR** on 13 Aug 1814, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
6. **JEREMIAH DAVIS** on 15 Aug 1814, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
7. **NATHAN DAVIS** on 19 Aug 1814, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 and the North fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818.
8. **JAMES WEST** on 23 Aug 1814, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25.
Not patented until the 1850s.
9. **HUGH LEWIS** and **HUGH LEWIS, SENIOR** on 14 Sep 1814, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27.
Patented on 22 Jun 1818 by **DAVID HOLIDAY**, assignee of **HUGH LEWIS, SENIOR**.
10. **CHARLES GARNER** on 19 Jan 1815, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33.
Patented on 19 Mar 1819.
11. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
12. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 14, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 and the SECT of Section 24.
Patented 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, ROSS JAMES** and **JAMES R. BULTER**, administrators of the estate of **JAMES O'HARA**.
13. **HEZEKIAH DAVIS** on 28 Apr 1815, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23.
Patented on 27 Jan 1823.
14. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.

Levan Township (T8S, R3W)

1. **DAVID PAGAN** on 24 Apr 1815, the S ½ of Section 1.
Patented on 20 Apr 1818.
2. **DAVID PAGAN** and **NICHOLAS LAVASSIEUR** on 24 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 24.
Patented on 10 Apr 1818.
3. **SEBASTIAN C. LAROCHE** on 24 Apr 1815, the NE ¼ of Section 2, the SW fraction of Section 17 and the NE ¼ of Section 27.
Section 2 and Section 27 properties patented 3 Feb 1849 by **SEBASTIAN CONOX LAROCHE**. The patenting of the Section 17 property is unclear.
4. **NICHOLAS LAVASSIEUR** on 24 Apr 1815, the E ½ of Section 12.
Patented on 10 Apr 1818.
5. **ALEXANDER DOUGLASS** on 24 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 13.
Patented by **STANISLAUS LAVASSIER** and **DOUGLASS ALEXANDER** on 6 Mar 1818.
6. **STANISLAUS LAVASSIER** on 24 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 13.
Patented by **STANISLAUS LAVASSIER** and **DOUGLASS ALEXANDER** on 6 Mar 1818.
7. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, SECT of Section 14.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
8. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the W ½ of Section 23.
Patented 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JAMES R. BULTER**, Executors of James O'Hara deceased.
9. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the S ½ and SECT of Section 36.
Patented 3 Oct 1823.

Kinkaid Township (T8S, R4W)

1. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 26.
Patented on 1 Jun 1857 by **ADOLPH BLOCK** (south half) and **DAVID BLOCK** (north half).
2. **WILLIAM COCHRAN** on 28 Nov 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 34.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
3. **ADAM WOLRICK** [sic: **WOOLRICK**] on 30 Sep 1814, the SE ¼ of Section 29.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818 by **STACE MCDONOUGH**, assignee of **ADAM WOOLRICK**.
4. **WILLIAM M^CROBERTS** on 1 Oct 1814, the SW ¼ of Section 29, the NE ¼ of Section 30 and the NW ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818 by **WILLIAM BOONE**, assignee of **WILLIAM M^CROBERTS**.
5. **WILLIAM TAYLOR** on 1 Oct 1814, the SW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 35.
Patented by **WILLIAM BOONE**, assignee of **WILLIAM TAYLOR**.

Degognia Township (T8S & T9S, R5W)¹²

T8S, R5W:

1. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the FRSECT of Section 22, the NE ¼ Section 26, the SW ¼ Section 26, the SE ¼ of Section 26, the SECT of Section 27.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
2. ***PIERRE MENARD** on 29 Apr 1815, the FRSECT of Section 28.
Patented on 22 Jun 1824.
3. **ELIZA LEE** on 1 Oct 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 25.
Patented on 27 Jan 1823.
4. ***WILLIAM ARUNDEL** on 15 Dec 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 26.
Patented on 22 Jun 1818.
5. **ZEPHNA BROOKS** on 3 Feb 1815, the FR of Section 29.
Patented on 22 Oct 1819.
6. **ANTOINE LASHEER, WILLIAM MURRAY, CHRISTOPHER SMITH** and **WILLIAM WYCOFF** on 1 May 1815, the SE fraction of Section 33.
Patented on 6 Mar 1818.

T9S, R5W:

1. **HENRY SMITH** on 23 Nov 1814, the SE ¼ of Section 5.
Patented on 1 Jun 1821.
2. **WILLIAM GREENUP** on 1 Jan 1815, the NFR2ECT [sic] of Section 4.
Patented on 6 Mar 1818 by **THE HEIRS OF ANTOINE LASHER, WILLIAM WYCOFF, WILLIAM MURRAY** and **CHRISTOPHER SMITH**.
3. **PIERRE MENARD** on 29 Apr 1815, the S ½ of Section 3 and the FRSECT of Section 10.
Patented on 24 Jun 1824.
4. **ANTOINE LASHEER, WILLIAM MURRAY, CHRISTOPHER SMITH** and **WILLIAM WYCOFF** on 1 May 1815, the NFR2 of Section 4.
Patented on 3 Jun 1818.
5. **JOHN BILDERBACK** on 14 Apr 1815, the N ½ of Section 12.
Patented on 10 Jun 1817.

¹² The 1876 Warner & Beers atlas has this labeled as Degogma Township.

Carbondale Township (T9S, R1W)

1. ***WILLIAM ARUNDEL** on 15 Dec 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 6.
Patented on 22 Jun 1818.
2. **JESSE B. THOMAS** on 26 Dec 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 6.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
3. **WILL CONRAD** on 1 May 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 6.
No patent for this property.
4. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 21.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
6. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ and SW ¼ of Section 28.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
7. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 24 Apr 1815, the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 28.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823
8. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the NE ¼, SE ¼ and SW ¼ of
Section 29.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823
9. ***WILLIAM ARUNDEL** on 15 Dec 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 22 Jun 1818.
10. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1814, the S ½ of Section 30.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
11. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 32.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
12. ***WILLIAM MCINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1814, the SW ¼ and NW ¼ of Section 33.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.

Murphysboro Township (T9S, R2W)

1. **JOSHUA DAVIS** on 25 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 1.
Patented on 6 Mar 1818.
2. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the S ½ of Section 1.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
3. **CLEMENT DAVIS** on 17 Sep 1814, the SW ¼ of Section 2.
Patented on 14 Jul 1817.
4. ***JOHN EDGAR** on 29 Apr 1815, the NE ¼ of Section 2.
Patented 28 Sep 1841.
5. **ADAM FIFER** on 10 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 2.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
6. **JESSE RASCO** on 10 Sep 1814, the SE ¼ of Section 3.
Patented on 22 Jun 1818.
7. **JOSEPH FRENCH** on 1 Sep 1814, the SFR ½ / S ½ FR of Section 4.
Patented on 17 Nov 1819 and on 4 Sep 1823.
8. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the NE ¼ of Section 4.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
9. **JOHN ROBINSON** on 14 and 15 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 4.
Patented on 19 Mar 1819.
10. **GEORGE CREATH** on 14 Sep 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 8.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
11. **FRANCIS GARNER** on 13 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 5.
The property was patented by others beginning in 1840.
12. **GEORGE CREATH** on 13 Sep 1814, the SE ¼ of Section 5.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
13. **CHARLES GARNER** on 2 Jan 1815, the S ½ of Section 6.
Patented on 19 Mar 1819.
14. **WILLIAM GARNER** on 26 Apr 1815, the NE ¼ of Section 6.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818.
15. **JOSEPH M^CFERRON** on 6 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 6.
Patented on 10 Jun 1817.
16. **FRANCIS GARNER** on 13 Sep and 14 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 7.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818.
17. **GEORGE CREATH** on 14 Sep 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 8.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
18. **FRANCIS GARNER** on 14 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 8.
Patented on 24 Aug 1818.
19. **LEWIS THOMAS** on 14 Sep 1814, the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 8.
Patented on 15 Sep 1839.
20. **JOSEPH FRENCH** on 1 Sep 1814, the NFR ½ / N ½ FR of Section 9.
Patented on 17 Nov 1819 and on 4 Sep 1823.
21. **JOSHUA DAVIS** on 25 Apr 1815, the N ½ of Section 11.
Patented on 6 Mar 1818.

- 22. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, all of Section 12.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
- 23. **LEWIS THOMAS** on 14 Sep 1814, the NE ¼ of Section 17.
- 24. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 27.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
- 25. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the SW ¼, SE ¼ and NE ¼ of
Section 32.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
- 26. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the SE ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 33.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
- 27. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 1 May 1815, the NE ¼ of Section 34.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.

Sand Ridge Township (T9S, R3W)

1. **JAMES GILBREATH** on 7 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 2.
Patented on 25 Jun 1824.
2. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 2.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
3. ***JOHN EDGAR** on 10 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 3.
Patented 10 Jun 1817.
4. ***WILLIAM MORRISON** on 10 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 3.
Patented on 3 Oct 1823.
5. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ and NW ¼ of Section 6.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**,
executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
6. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1814, all of Section 12.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
7. **WILLIAM BOONE** on 23 Sep 1814, the SWFR ¼ of Section 15.
Patented 26 May 1817.
8. **WILLIAM BOONE** on 23 Sep 1814, the NFR ½ of Section 22.
Patented 26 May 1817.
9. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the NE ¼ and NW ¼ of Section 26.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
10. ***JOHN R. JONES** on 14 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 3 Dec 1818 by **JOHN RICE JONES**.
11. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**,
executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
12. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 32.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**,
executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.

Fountain Bluff Township (T9S, R4W)¹³

1. **JAMES DAVIS** on 1 Oct 1814, the N ½ DSIC of Section 1.
Patented on 1 May 1824 by **HENRY KIMMEL** and the heirs of **HENRY LAUGHLIN**.
2. **JOHN BILDERBACK** on 13 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 7.
Patented 10 Jun 1817.
3. **ABIJAH** and **JESSE HUNT** on 20 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 26 and the FR of Section 35.
Patented 10 Jun 1817.
4. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the FRSECT of Scton 6, the SEFR of Section 19, the S ½ of Section 21, the N ½ of Section 22, the NW ¼ of Section 26, the SECT of Section 27, the FRSECT of Section 28. the FRSECT of Section 29, the FRSECT of Section 30, the FRSECT of Section 34.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
5. **JOSEPH DUNCAN** on 27 May 1815, the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 36.
Patented 9 Apr 1947 by **JOSEPH DUNCAN**, assignee of **JAMES M. DUNCAN**.
6. **MATTHEW DUNCAN** on 27 May 1815, the W fractional ½ RQ1821VO of Section 36.
Patented 8 Mar 1940.

¹³ In an 1875 Atlas by Warner & Beers the township is labeled as Big Lake Township, but the 1876 update of the same atlas has it labeled as Fountain Bluff Township. This generally the Bluff Precinct found in the 1820 Census for Jackson County.

Makanda Township (T10S, R1W)

There were no land entries in Makanda Township prior to 1816. The earliest land entry appears to have occurred around 1833.

Pomona Township (T10S, R2W & R3W)

Only that portion of T10S, R3W lying east of the Big Muddy River is part of Pomona Township. Township 10 South, Range 2 West was originally named Ridge Township.

T10S, R2W

1. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the SECT of Section 1.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
2. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Section 2.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.
3. ***WILLIAM M^CINTOSH** on 24 Apr 1815, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3.
Patented on 20 Jul 1818.

T10S, R3W

There were no land entries made on the east side of Big Muddy River in the original Big Hill Township prior to 1816.

Grand Tower Township (T10S & T11S, R3W and R4W)

The current Grand Tower Township includes the original Grand Tower Township (those parts of Townships 10 and 11 South within Range 4 West) and the western half of the former Big Hill Township lying west of Big Muddy River.¹⁴ This was basically the Big Hill Precinct found in the 1820 Census for Jackson County.

T10S, R3W

1. ***JOHN R. JONES** on 14 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 5.
Patented on 3 Dec 1818 by **JOHN RICE JONES**.
2. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 5.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
3. **SINCLER MANSON** on 22 Sep 1814, the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 6.
Patented 3 Feb 1849 by the heirs and legal representatives of **SINCLAIR MANSON**.
4. ***WILLIAM ARUNDEL** on 15 Dec 1814, the E ½ of Section 7.
Patented 22 Jun 1818.
5. ***PIERRE MENARD** on 29 Apr 1815, the NW ¼, NE ¼ and NWDSIC of Section 18.
Patented 22 Jun 1824.
6. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SW ¼ of Section 18.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
7. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the NW ¼ of Section 19.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
8. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the SE ¼ of Section 30.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
9. **BENJAMIN WALKER** on 24 Sep 1814, the SW ¼ of Section 30.
Patented 26 May 1817.
10. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1814, the FRSECT of Section 31.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS** and **JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.
11. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1814, the NE ¼, SW ¼, and SE ¼ of Section 32.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS**

¹⁴ The 1875 Warner & Beers atlas erroneously labels all of T10S, R3W and that portion of T11S, R3W west of the Big Muddy River as Fountain Bluff Township: it should read Big Hill.

S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS and JARMES R. BUTLER, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.

T10S, R4W

1. **JAMES GILL** on 28 Feb 1815, the SWFR of Section 13.
Patented on 14 Jul 1817.
2. **JAMES GILL** on 28 Feb 1815, the SEFR of Section 14.
Patented on 14 Jul 1817.
3. **JAMES GILL** on 15 Sep 1814, the FR of Section 23.
Patented on 29 Sep 1817.
4. **JAMES GILL** on 15 Sep 1814, the NW ¼ of Section 24.
Patented on 29 Jul 1817.
5. **BENJAMIN WALKER** on 24 Sep 1814, the FR of Section 25.
Patented on 26 May 1817.
6. ***JAMES O'HARA** on 25 Apr 1815, the FRSECT of Section 36.
Patented on 13 Sep 1843 by **MARY O'HARA, HARMAR DENNY, DENNIS S. SCULLY, JAMES ROSS and JARMES R. BUTLER**, executors for **JAMES O'HARA**.

T11S, R3W

There were no land entries within this congressional township prior to 10 Jan 1816. The first land entry took place there on 5 Jul 1816.

T11S, R4W

There were no land entries within this congressional township prior to 10 Jan 1816. The first land entry took place there in the 1830s.

GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE PATENTS, 1817

Land within present day Jackson County was initially purchased from the Federal Government through the General Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management. Purchasers made a land entry and had the option to pay only a portion of the purchase price up front, and to pay the balance over a specific period of time. Once full payment was made, a patent was issued. Subsequent sales of the property were recorded in the county where the property was located.

The first patents were issued by the Kaskaskia Land Office on 26 May 1817. On that date, patents were issued in Jackson County, Illinois to:

1. William Bilderback,
2. William Boone,
3. William Cochran,
4. George Creath,
5. Jeremiah Davis,
6. Adam Fifer,
7. Jesse Griggs,
8. James Hall,
9. George W. G. Henson,
10. Jesse B. Thomas,
11. Andrew Thompson, and
12. Benjamin Walker.

Only a few additional patents were issued for Jackson County in 1817, likely due to the scarcity of hard currency to make the required payments. It is also interesting to note that those patents were issued on just three additional dates: 10 Jun 1817, 14 Jul 1817, and 29 Sep 1817. It seems that the land office was shut down over the winter, as the land office did not issue another patent until 6 Mar 1818.

The additional 1817 patents were granted to:

1. John Bilderback,
2. Clement Davis,
3. John Edgar,
4. James Gill,
5. Jesse and Abijah Hunt,
6. Joseph McFerron, and
7. William McIntosh (a speculator).

Since abstracts of General Land Office records (as well as copies of the actual patents) are accessible online at <https://glorerecords.blm.gov>, they won't be relisted here. But they are an additional resource for doing research related to Jackson County residents in this time period. The "Related Documents" tab in the patent folder can be quite helpful, as it names the neighboring patent owners, who sometimes were relatives.

D. JACKSON COUNTY LAND RECORDS FROM 1816 TO 1843

The following records are abstracted either from records held at the Jackson County, Illinois Courthouse at Murphysboro, from microfilm records held at the IRAD at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, from Family History Library microfilm #967413 or from other specifically-cited sources.

These are the genealogically most significant records of Jackson County, Illinois prior to 1843, as some deeds identify relationships between family members, providing a few lucky researchers with clear proof of such relationships. For others it provides information about when an ancestor arrived, relocated or left the county, when the spouse of an ancestor changed and other facts that are seldom found in the few surviving narrative accounts of early Jackson County, Illinois.

The Board of Investigation was established by the Illinois Legislature on 1 Feb 1843, with one of its duties “to record all bonds, deeds and other instruments of writing, which have been filed or recorded in said county, and the record or file of which have been destroyed as aforesaid.” The Board consisted of William Doty and Jefferson Allen of Jackson County, and Willis Allen of Williamson County. Daniel H. Brush of Jackson County was appointed secretary to the Board.¹⁵

The Board was originally empowered for the term of one year, unless given special leave to continue by the Governor “for good cause shown.” The Board remained in existence until the end of 1844, at which time the Jackson County Recorder was empowered to assume the Board’s duties related to re-recording records destroyed in the courthouse fire. Some such records have been recorded decades after the fire, though the largest proportion of deeds were recorded in Book D by the Board of Investigation.

The header on the first page of Book D of Deeds for Jackson County, Illinois reads as follows:

“The following is a record of those deeds, mortgages, bonds, etc which had been recorded in the Recorders Office of Jackson County, Illinois previous to the destruction of records of said office by fire on the night of the 10th of January A. D. 1843, which said instruments have been duly passed upon by the Board of Investigation appointed by the Legislature of Illinois for the said county and are therefore here recorded...”

The name of the current Recorder is often listed among the witnesses in the abstracts that follow. The first recorder for Jackson County was William Wilson. Others up to around the early 1820s include Ed. Humphries, Timothy Nash and Joel Manning. One name that is generally omitted is that of Daniel L. Brush, secretary to the BOI. His name is found on the majority of the deeds in Book D.

¹⁵ *Laws of the State of Illinois, Passed by the Thirteenth General Assembly, 1843, page 205.*

The abstracted deeds begin on the following page, in the order that they were recorded in Book D. They are organized in sections of groups of 50 pages from Book D. Where there is one or a series of deeds that were not abstracted prior to the decision to publish this incomplete typescript, a note has been placed where those deeds would have been found, had the effort been completed.

BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 1

Book D, page 1.

GEORGE BUTCHER and wife to **GEORGE SCHWARTZ**.

On 14 Apr 1829, **GEORGE BUTCHER** and **POLLY** his wife sold to **GEORGE SCHWARTZ** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$50 a part of Lot 28 in the town of Brownsville [a specific metes and bounds description is given].

Witnessed by **PHILIP GILL** and **ROBBERT H. MORGAN**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 454 on 24 Jun 1829.

Recorded BOI on 10 May 1843.

Book D, page 2.

JOHN ROBINSON and wife to **BANNISTER CREWS**.

On 7 Aug 1838, **JOHN ROBINSON** and **BELVERITTA** his wife sold to **BANNISTER CREWS** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$150 a tract of land in Elk Prairie to wit: the E ½ SW ¼ of Section 24, T7S, R2W.

Witnessed by **B. G. ROTH**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 67 & 68 on 7 Aug 1838.

Recorded BOI on 10 May 1843.

Book D, page 4.

JOHN ROBINSON and wife to **GEORGE SCHWARTZ**.

On 18 Jan 1834, **JOHN ROBINSON** and **BELVERITTA** his wife of Elk Prairie, Jackson County, Illinois sold to **GEORGE SCHWARTZ** of the same place for \$75 the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 18, T7S, R1W.

Witnessed by **ROBERTSON CHEATHAM** and **EDWARD SCHWARTZ**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 125 on 21 Apr 1834.

Recorded BOI on 10 May 1843.

Book D, page 5.

ELIAS BARCROFT and wife to **JAMES H. BENSON**.

ELIAS BARCROFT and **MARGARET** his wife of Cole County, Missouri sold to **JAMES H. BENSON** of Howard County, Missouri for \$500 the W ½ of Section 33 and the SE ¼ of Section 32, T8S, R1W. Signed on 8 May 1837.

Witnessed by **J. B. READ**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 437 & 438 on 2 Nov 1838.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 6.

JAMES H. BENSON and wife to **ED. & JAC. SCHWARTZ**.

JAMES H. BENSON and **RUTH L.** his wife of Howard County, Missouri sold for \$800 to **EDWARD** and **JACOB SCHWARTZ** both of Jackson County, Illinois the W ½ of Section 33 and the SE ¼ of Section 32, T8S, R1W. Signed 12 Oct 1838.

[This deed was notarized in Cooper County, Missouri.]

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 438 & 439 on 2 Nov 1838.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 7.

JOHN M^CMILLIAN to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL**.

On 10 Feb 1823, **JOHN M^CMILLEN** [sic] of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of Montgomery, Jackson County, Illinois for \$800 7/8ths an undivided interest in the NE ¼ of Section 30, T8S, R1W.

Witnessed by **MICHAEL HARMON** and **JOEL MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book B, pages 249 & 250 on 29 Jan 1824.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 8.

S. H. KIMMEL to **A. W. KIMMEL**.

On 18 Aug 1823, **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **ALLEN W. KIMMEL** of St. Genevieve County, Missouri for \$1,000 7/8ths of an undivided interest in the NE ¼ of Section 30, T8S, R1W.

Witnessed by **JO. DUNCAN** and **EDMISTON HARROLD**.

Originally recorded in Book B, pages 254 & 255 on 22 Apr 1824.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 10.

JOHN W. M^CMILLEN to **A. W. KIMMEL**.

Mortgage.

On 13 Oct 1825, **JOHN M^CMULLEN** [sic] of Jackson County, Illinois mortgaged from **ALLEN W. KIMMEL** of St. Genevieve County, Missouri for \$1,000 an undivided 7/8ths interest in the NE ¼ of Section 30, T8S, R1W.

Witnessed by **JOHN H. JOHNSON** and **S. H. KIMMEL**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 317 on 25 Oct 1825.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 11.

AUDITOR to **SAMUEL WIGGINS**. Deed.

On 15 Jan 1830 at the town of Vandalia, the **AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS** of Illinois sold at public sale the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 1 West for \$2.64, being the amount of tax for the year 1829, being the amount bid by **JOHN G. SANBURN**, who assigned same to **SAMUEL WIGGINS**.

Signed by **JAMES T. B. STAPP**, Auditor.

Filed for record 1 May 1841.

Recorded in Book D, page 92 on 11 May 1843

Book D, page 11.

PETER KIMMEL and wife and **A. W. KIMMEL** to **S. H. KIMMEL**, deed.

On 5 Apr 1837, **PETER KIMMEL** and **MAY** his wife of Jackson County, Illinois and **ALLEN W. KIMMEL** of Union County, Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of the state of Missouri for \$1,000 the NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 1 West.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 92 and 93 on 1 May 1841.

Recorded BOI on 11 May 1843.

Book D, page 13.

SINGLETON H. KIMMEL and wife to **HENRY KIMMEL**

On 10 Mar 1841, **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** and **SARAH** his wife of Philadelphia sold to **HENRY KIMMEL** of Jackson County, Illinois for \$800 the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 1 West.

Witnessed by **GEO. GORGAS, JR.** and **JNO M. CANNON**.

Signed by **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** and **SARAH G. KIMMEL**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 84, on 1 May 1841.

Recorded BOI on 12 May 1843.

Book D, page 14.

HENRY LINK and others to **GEORGE W. LIMRICK**.

On 19 Oct 1842, **HENY LINK**, **JACOB LINK**, **A. B. BUMGARNER** and **LAVINIA** his wife, and **JAMES TRIPLETT**, by his next friend and guardian **DANIEL SHERFORD** of the county of Lincoln and state of North Carolina, and **ADAM HOPPE**s and **CATHARINE** his wife of the county of Yancy and state aforesaid all heirs at law of **SUSANNAH MANVILLE**, formerly **SUSANNAH LINK**, late of the county of Jackson and state of Illinois, deceased, sold to **GEORGE WASHINGTON LIMERICK** of the town of Brownsville, county of Jackson, state of Illinois for \$28 the NE ½ of town lot # 37 in the Plat of Brownsville, which had been conveyed to her by **DAVID DILLINGER**, **LEWIS DILLINGER** and **ELIZABETH BROWN** on 26 July 1838 by deed recorded in Book C, page 423.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 276-278 on 23 Nov 1842.

Recorded BOI on 12 May 1843.

Book D, page 16.

HALL NEILSON and wife to **MT. CARBON COAL COY** [sic].

On 18 July 1839, **HALL NEILSON** and **MARY ARCHER** his wife of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia sold to the **MOUNT CARBON COAL COMPANY** for \$1 the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the NE ¼ of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; one equal undivided third part of the NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; one undivided sixth part of the NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, the several pieces or parcels of land being estimated to contain altogether twelve hundred and twenty two acres and 68/100th of an acre.

Witnessed by **ANNE MORROW** and **JOHN MORROW**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 526 forward on 22 Aug 1839.

Recorded BOI on 13 May 1843.

Book D, page 19.

WILLIAM WORTHEN, Shff to **F. G. CONWAY**.

On 10 Mar 1832, **JESSE GRIGGS**, the former sheriff of Jackson County, Illinois, acting under authority of a writ of fieri facias, issued by the County Court against the goods and chattels of **FIELDING PORTER** in favor of **A. M. JENKINS**, offered for sale at public auction Brownsville town lot 41 and an undivided half of Brownsville town lot 32. On 21 Apr 1832, **FRANCIS GROSVENOR CONWAY** was the highest bidder for the undivided half of lot 32 with a bid of \$10. Fifteen months later, after the lot had not been redeemed, a deed was issued to **FRANCIS GROSVENOR CONWAY** for the said property on 11 May 1835.

Witnessed by **ROBERT H. MARROW** and **J. MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 166 on 30 May 1835.

Recorded BOI on 13 May 1843.

Book D, page 20.

WILLIAM WORTHEN, Shff to **F. G. CONWAY**.

On 2 Apr 1832, **JESSE GRIGGS**, the former sheriff of Jackson County, Illinois, acting under authority of a writ of execution, issued by the County Court against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of **JAMES L. LENNEN**, "late of your bailiwick" and cause to be made the sum of \$35 and no cents, which **DAVID L. BAKER** recovered against him for his debts, plus 6 percent interest per annum from 18 Oct 1820 until paid plus \$5.26 ½ in court costs. The sheriff was directed to have that money available to **DAVID L. BAKER** within thirty days of the deed being recorded. A public sale was held, but no bids were offered. The court then directed a new sale plus an addition \$2.65 in court costs for a writ of fieri facias issued on 2 Apr 1830. On 24 Apr 1830 a public sale was held with **LEWIS H. GRIGGS** being the highest bidder, with a bid of \$4 for Brownsville lot 62 and \$10 for Brownsville lot 2. **LEWIS H. GRIGGS** was granted a certificate for these properties, which he assigned to **FRANCIS GROSVENOR CONWAY** for value received on 20 Aug 1831. The deed was executed on ___ day of ___ 1835.

Witnessed by **DAVID STEELE** and **JOEL MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 168 on 30 May 1835.

Recorded BOI on 13 May 1943.

Book D, page 22.

FRANCIS G. CONWAY to **HENRY COLLETT**.

On 4 Jun 1839, **Francis Grosvenor Conway** of White County in the state of Illinois sold to **HENRY COLLETT** of Jackson County, Illinois for \$150 sold the following lots of the Plat of Brownsville:

- Fractional lot 2
- Lot 62, and
- The undivided half of Lot 32.

Witnessed by **DANL H. BRUSH** and **CLEMENT C. CONWAY**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 506 and 507.

Recorded BOI on 15 May 1843.

Book D, pages 23 and 24

A Plat of the **TOWN OF BROWNSVILLE**.

Originally recorded in Book B, pages 303, 304 and 305.
Recorded BOI on 18 May 1843.

JOHN KURTZ and wife to **JOHN BOWERS**. Deed.

On 19 Jun 1828, **JOHN KURTZ** of Somerset Borough in the County of Somerset in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esq and his wife **CHRISTINE** sold to **JOHN BOWERS** of the State of Illinois for \$225 the SW ¼ of Section 34 of Township 8 South, Range 3 West, totaling 160 acres of land. The land was patented by **JOHN KURTZ** at the general land office in the City of Washington on 15 May 1827, the property having been assigned from **HENRY BANFORD**. Recorded in Volume 8, page 24.

Witnessed by **JOHN WITT** and **FREDERICK WARNER**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 113-115 on 22 Jul 1841.
Recorded BOI on 18 May 1843.

JOHN BOWERS and wife to **DAVID HUSBAND**.

On 21 Dec 1835, **JOHN BOWERS** of Jackson County, Illinois and **JULIAN** his wife sold to **DAVID HUSBAND** of the same place for \$225 the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 3 West as described in the preceding deed.

Witnessed by **DAVID WRIGHT**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 115-16 on 22 Jul 1841.
Recorded BOI on 18 May 1843.

Book D, page 30.

JOSHUA DAVIS & wife to **PETER KIMMEL**

8 Jun 1818. **JOSHUA DAVIS** and **ELIZABETH** his wife of Jackson County, Illinois Territory sell to **PETER KIMMEL** late of Pennsylvania now of same county for \$600 the W ¼ Section 13, T8S, R3W.

Signed **JOSHUA DAVIS, ELIZABETH {X} DAVIS**.

Witnesses: **IC. GRIGGS, J S DORRIS**.

Recorded Book A, pages 340 & 341, 20 Oct 1818.
Recorded by BOI 19 May 1843.

Book D, page 31.

JAMES HERRELD & wife to **S. H. KIMMEL**

29 Nov 1819. **JAMES HARRELD** and **KATHARINE** his wife of the town of Brownsville, Jackson County, Illinois sell to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of same place for \$1,000 Lot Number 14 in the town of Brownsville.

Signed **JAMES HARRELD** and **KATHERINE HARRELD**.

Witnessed by **JOHN ANKENY** and **JAMES NEEL**.

Recorded Book B, pages 8 & 9, 29 Nov 1819.
Recoded by BOI 19 May 1843.

Book D, page 32 to 35.

WM. WORTHEN, SHERIFF to **S. H. KIMMEL** – Deed.

? Oct 1837. **WILLIAM WORTHEN**, Sheriff of Jackson County, Illinois to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. Whereas at the

Circuit Court held on 4 Apr 1820, Mark Schultz, as administrator of **THOMAS MORROW, SENIOR**, recovered a judgment against **MATTHEW DUNCAN** for \$136.60. On 4 Sep 1830, the judgment was expanded to include **MATTHEW DUNCAN** and **JOSEPH DUNCAN**. The NE Fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T 10 S, R 4 W of the 3rd PM containing 45 and 30/100ths acres was offered at auction, **WITH S. H. KIMMEL** offering \$62.50, which was the highest and best bid.
Signed **WM WORTHEN**, Sheriff of Jackson County.
Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.
Originally recorded in Book C, pages 347-349 on 9 Nov 1837.
Recorded by BOI on 19 May 1843.

Book D, pages 35 to 37.

BREESE, MANNING & JENKINS & wives to S. H. KIMMEL.
On 5 Dec 1837, **SIDNEY BREESE** and **ELIZA** his wife of Mound Farm, Clinton County; **JOEL MANNING** and **DIZA** his wife of Cook County; and **ALEXANDER M. JENKINS** and **MAY** his wife of Edwardsville, Madison County, all of the State of Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of Cape Girardeau County, State of Missouri for \$500 on equal undivided fourth part of the following properties in Jackson County, Illinois: the SE Fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 11, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12 in T10S, R4W, 3rd PM.
Signed by **SIDNEY BREESE, ELIZA BREESE, JOEL MANNING, DIZA MANNING, A. M. JENKINS**, and **MARY JENKINS**.
Witnessed by **JOSHUA BRADLEY**.
Originally recorded in Book C, page 436 on 2 Nov 1838.
Recorded by BOI on 19 May 1843.

Book D, page 37

O. B. FICKLIN, Admr to **J. KIMMEL & J. HARRELD**. Deed.
ORLANDO B. FICKLIN, administrator of **WILLIAM MCINTOSH** late of Wabash County, Illinois was ordered at the Sep Term 1836 of the Wabash County Court to sell a certain property in Jackson County described as Section 12, T9S, R3W after having advertised the sale thereof in the *St. Clair Gazette*, etc. At the Oct 1837 court it was ordered that the property could be advertised in the *Mount Carmel Herald*, and that an additional property could be sold, described as the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26, T9S, R3W. The property was offered for sale on 31 Jan 1838, where the said buyers purchased the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26 for \$260 and Section 12 for \$614.40. The deed was issued on 11 Jun 1838.
Signed **ORLANDO B. FICKLIN**, administrator of the estate of **WILLIAM MCINTOSH**, decd.
The signature of **ORLANDO B. FICKLIN** was witnessed in Coles County, Illinois by **J. N. ELLINGTON**, clerk of the court.
Originally records in Book C, pages 446-448 on 7 Dec 1838.
Recorded by BOI on 20 Mary 1843

Book D, page 39.

JOHN CLODFELTER & wife to S. H. KIMMEL. Deed of Mortgage.

On 22 Nov 1839, **JOHN CLODFELTER** and Sarah his wife of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **S. H. KIMMEL** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for \$1.,200 a property located on the banks of the Mississippi near the town of Breeseville described as the SE corner of the NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T10S, R4W. The SE corner was further described by metes and bounds to contain ten acres, more or less, which included a frame dwelling "now occupied by said **JOHN CLODFELTER**. Also the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, T10S, R4W containing 80 acres.

Signed **JOHN CLODFELTER** and **SARAH** (her mark) **CLODFELTER**.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE** and **PETER KIMMEL**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 546-7 on 14 Jan 1840.

Recorded by BOI on 23 May 1843.

Book D, page 41.

WM. WORTHEN, sheriff to **S. H. KIMMEL**. Deed.

On 30 Apr 1830 a writ of venditioni exponas was issued by the Jackson County Circuit Court against **CONRAD WILL** and **MICHAEL DILLINGER** in favor of **JEREMIAH ABUS**, based upon a judgment for a debt of \$29.51 due on 26 Oct 1822. To reconcile the debt the undivided half of eight and 52/100 square polls known by the name of the Still House lot, and nine town lots in the town of Brownsville. These properties were auctioned after having been advertised on 8 Apr 1828, but no bids were received. The property was commanded to be auctioned again, with an additional \$4.67 costs due to **ABUS**. On 29 May 1830, **S. H. KIMMEL** was high bidder for \$35.

Signed **WM WORTHEN**, sheriff of Jackson County, Illinois.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 404-7 on 18 Apr 1838.

Recorded BOI on 23 May 1843.

Book D, page 44.

PETER KIMMEL & wife **TO S. H. KIMMEL**. Deed.

On 17 Apr 1838, **PETER KIMMEL** and **MARY** his wife of the Town of Brownsville, Jackson County, Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri for \$692.68 the following tracts of land lying in Jackson County: that part of the NE and NW fraction $\frac{1}{4}$ s of Section 27 (lying on the south side of Big Muddy River) T9S, R3W containing 90 and 44/100ths acres; also that part of the NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, T9S, R3W containing 77 and 31/100ths acres, which property was entered by **PETER KIMMEL** at the land office on 31 May 1837; also that part of the NE, SE, SW and NW fractional quarters of Section 35 (on the western side of Big Muddy River) T9S, ReW containing 52 and 40/100ths acres; also the detached fraction in the NE corner of the NW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 and that part of the NW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23 (lying west of Big Muddy River) T9S, R3W containing 14 acres, which said land **PETER KIMMEL** entered at the land office on 23 Aug 1837 as appears by the receiver's receipts No. 4923 and 4924; also the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T8S, R3W containing 160 acres, which was patented by **JOSHUA DAVIS**, and conveyed by him and his wife to the said **PETER KIMMEL** by deed on 8 Jun 1818; also an equal and undivided half of the undivided moiety of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36, T7S, R2W, which land was granted and patented to **WILLIAM MCINTOSH** and

RICHARD GABRIEL as tenants in common, and the said undivided moiety was purchased at public auction by **PETER KIMMEL** and **JAMES HERRALD** on 6 Aug 1836.

Signed by **PETER KIMMEL** and **MARY KIMMEL**.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 407-9 on 18 Apr 1838.

Recorded BOI on 23 May 1843.

Book D, page 46.

GEORGE HOLLIDAY to **KIMMEL & HARRELD**. Mortgage.

On 1 May 1841, **GEORGE HOLLIDAY** of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and **JAMES HARRELD** of Jackson County, Illinois for \$320 the equal and undivided one half of the E ½ of Section 35 and W ½ of Section 36, T7S, R2W. [Details of the mortgage terms followed.]

Signed by **GEORGE HOLLIDAY**.

Witnessed by **DANIEL H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 154-6 on 6 Dec 1841.

Recorded BOI on 23 May 1843.

Book D, page 48.

A. J. DAVIS and **M. DAVIS** to **S. H. KIMMEL**. Quit Claim Deed.

9 Jan 1842. **ANDREW J. DAVIS** and **MICHAEL DAVIS** of Jackson County, Illinois sell for \$98.77 to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of the City of Philadelphia all of our & each right and title interest and claim to the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 25, T8S, R5W containing 40 acres and the undivided sixth part of the W ½ the NW ¼ of Section 8 in T9S, R3W.

Signed **A. J. DAVIS, MICHAEL DAVIS**.

Witness: **DANL. H. BRUSH**

Recorded Book D, page 170 & 171, 2 Feb 1842.

Recorded BOI 24 May 1843.

Book D, page 49.

GEO. W. JONES to **J. & E. WALSH & N. PATTERSON**. Mortgage.

GEORGE W. JONES of Sinsinawa Mound, Wisconsin Territory for \$10 received from **JOHN WALSH, EDWARD WALSH** and **NATHANIEL PATTERSON** all of St. Louis, Missouri convey: Fraction Section 9, T9S, R5W; SE ¼ Section 13, T8S, R1W; SW ¼ Section 13, T8S, R1W; NE ¼ Section 23, T8S, R1W. Deed conditioned upon promissory note of **GEORGE W. JONES** to **JOHN** and **EDWARD WALSH** dated this day for \$3,034.32 payable in 18 months with 10% interest, and another promissory note of **GEORGE W. JONES** for \$2,021.70 to **JOHN WALSH, EDWARD WALSH** and **NATHANIEL PATTERSON** trading as **J & E WALSH & CO**, payable in 18 months at 10% interest. Josephine, wife of George W. Jones conveyed her right of dower for \$10.

Signed **GEO. W. JONES** and **JOSEPHINE JONES**.

Witnessed by **T. GREGOIRE** and **SUSAN L. MYERS**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 248-9 on 27 Sep 1842.
Recorded BOI on 24 May 1843.

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Book D, page 50.

ROBERT MARSHALL & wife to **DANL. B. TUTHILL**. Deed.

On 29 Aug 1832 **ROBERT MARSHALL** and **ELIZABETH** his wife of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **DANIEL B. TUTHILL** of the same place for \$400 the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 8, T7S, R2W.

Signed by **ROBERT MARSHALL** and **ELIZABETH** (her mark) **MARSHALL**.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **D. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 35 on 6 Oct 1832.

Recorded BOI on 24 May 1843.

Book D, page 52.

THOS. L. ROSS and wife to **D. B. & R. TUTHILL**. Deed.

On 4 Aug 1838 **THOMAS L. ROSS** and **SALLY T. ROSS** his wife of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **DANL. B. TUTHILL** and **RUSSELL TUTHILL** of the same place for \$333 two equal and undivided thirds in the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 13, T7S, R3W.

Signed **THOS. L. ROSS** and **SALLY T. ROSS**.

Witnessed by **JOSEPH HOLT** and **MOSES H. ROSS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 430 on 11 Sep 1838.

Recorded BOI on 24 May 1843.

Book D, page 53.

JOHN TUTHILL to **D. B. TUTHILL**. Mortgage.

On 29 Mar 1840, **JOHN TUTHILL** of Jackson County, Illinois sold to **DANIEL B. TUTHILL** of the same place for \$100.50 the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 8, T7S, R2W.

Details of the mortgage are given. A side note states that the mortgage was satisfied on 20 Nov 1849.

Signed by **JOHN TUTHILL**.

Witnessed by **D. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 3 & 4 on 16 Mar 1840.

Recorded BOI on 24 May 1843.

Book D, page 54

THOS. L. ROSS and wife to **D. B. and R. TUTHILL**. Deed.

On 30 Dec 1839 **THOS. L. ROSS** and **SALLY T. ROSS** his wife of Vergennes, Jackson County, Illinois sold to **D. B. TUTHILL** and **RUSSELL TUTHILL** of the same place for \$325 one undivided third part of two parcels described as the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 13, T7S, R3W and the W ½ NW ¼ of fractional Section 18, T7S, R2W.

Signed by **THOS. L. ROSS** and **SALLY T. ROSS**.

No witness stated.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 151 on 26 Nov 1841.

Recorded BOI on 24 May 1843.

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Book D, page 96.

BEN^N BOONE and wife to **HARMAN CRYLEY**. Deed.

On 19 Nov 1835, **BENNINGSSEN BOONE** and **ELIZA** his wife of Jackson County sold to **HARMAN CRYLEY** of the State of Illinois for \$220.22 the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R3W, containing 38 and ¼ acres. Signed **BENNINGSSEN BOONE** and **ELIZABETH H. BOONE**. Witnesses: **JOEL MANNING** and **MARY JENKINS**.

Recorded Book C, page 210, 15 Dec 1835.

Recorded BOI 1 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 97.

WM. ROACH and wife to **WM. H. DAVIS**. Deed.

On 15 Aug 1840 **WILLIAM ROACH** of Jackson County and **POLLY ROACH** his wife sold for \$1,000 to **WILLIAM H. DAVIS** of the same place the SE ¼ of Section 23, T8S, R2W, containing 160 acres. NOT CONTINUED ON PAGE 98.

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GAP IN DEEDS - A SERIES OF DEEDS WAS NOT TRANSCRIBED.

Book D, page 143.

CHARLES M. DAVIS to **FRANCIS MECHA**. Mortgage.

On 9 Jun 1842 **CHARLES M. DAVIS** of Jackson County sold to **FRANCIS MECHA** of Jackson County for \$103.79 the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 14, T9S, R2W, containing 40 acres entered by **CHARLES M. DAVIS** at Kaskaskia on 13 Dec 1838.

Witnessed by **DANIEL BRUSH**.

Recorded Book D, pages 204 and 205, 15 Jun 1843.

Recorded BOI on 15 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 144.

GEO. W. GILL to **GARLAND LAUGHLIN**. Deed.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GILL, late of Illinois now at this time of the State of Mississippi, County of Marshall and heir of the late **JAMES GILL** deceased of Jackson County, State of Illinois sold for the sum of \$1,000 to **GARLAND LAUGHLIN** of Union County, State of Illinois property “granted unto me by my late father **JAMES GILL** (deceased), formerly of Jackson County, State of Illinois by and in his last will and testament proven and recorded in June 1827 in the proper office in Brownsville, Jackson County, Illinois all right, title and interest in fractional Section 23 and the NW ¼ of Section 24, T10S, R4W entered by said **JAMES GILL** at Kaskaskia on 29 Sep 1817, also my right, title and interest in 150 acres formerly owned by **JAMES**...

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BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 150

Book D, page 150.

FERDINAND GOTTSCHOLK [sic] to **NAP^N. B. GILL**. Deed.

FERDINAND GOTTSCHALD and his wife **MARIA LOUISA** of Perry County, Missouri sold to **NAPOLEAN B. GILL** of the same place for \$100 a tract of land in Jackson County, Illinois on the Mississippi River known as the Oven Tract containing 60 acres being part of the fractional Section 23 and NW ¼ of Section 24, T10S, R4W, being an undivided 1/6th part of ten acres of the same.

Signed 4 Mar 1840 by **FERDINAND GOTTSCHALK** and **MARIA L. GOTTSCHALK**.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE** and **WM MANNING**.

Originally recorded on 17 Mar 1840 in Book D, pages 4 & 5.

Recorded BOI on 20 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 151.

NATH^L B. SMITH & wife to **NAP^N. B. GILL**. Deed.

NATHANIEL B. SMITH and **ELIZA ELVIRA** his wife, late of Illinois, now of the State of Arkansas and County of Hempstead sold for \$200 to **NAPOLEAN B. GILL** of the State of Missouri and County of Union their interest in fractional Section 23 and the NW ¼ of Section 14, T10S, R4W in Jackson County, Illinois on the east bank of the Mississippi River, originally entered by **JAMES GILL**, and also all our right, title, claim and interest in the negroes and all other property belonging to the estate of **JAMES GILL**, deceased which was bequeathed to the said Eliza Elvira my wife by her deceased father **JAMES GILL**.

Signed by **NATHANIEL B.** (his mark) **SMITH** and **ELIZA ELVIRA SMITH**.

Witnessed by **CHAMB. ETTER** and **S. T. SANDERS**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 106 & 107.

Recorded BOI on 21 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 153.

CONRAD WILL and wife to **JAMES GILL**. Deed.

On 17 Aug 1816 **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA** his wife sold for \$100 to **JAMES GILL** lots 52, 53 and 72 in the Town of Brownville.

Signed by **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA WILL**.

Witnesses are blank

Originally recorded in Book A, page 132 to 134 on 14 Nov 1817.

Recorded BOI on 21 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 154.

CONRAD WILL & wife to **JAMES GILL**. Deed.

On 11 Jun 1821, **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA** his wife of the town of Brownsville, Jackson County, Illinois sold for \$200 the following lots in the Town of Brownsville:

Lots 42, 64 and 65.

Signed by **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA WILL**.

Witnesses are blank.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 197 on 5 Jul 1825.
Recorded BOI on 22 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 155.

MICHAEL HARMON to **JOEL MANNING**. Certificate.

MICHAEL HARMON, collector of the Town of Brownsville by virtue of a tax list issued the Trustees of Brownsville have seized and sold at public auction as the law directs to **JOEL MANNING**, also of Brownsville, for 35 cents, Lot 64 of the Town of Brownsville. The property could be redeemed within one year for the purchase price plus a 25% advance.

Signed by **MICHAEL HARMON** on 17 Apr 1823.

Originally recorded in Book B, pages 146-7 on 31 Dec 1823.

Recorded BOI on 22 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 156.

MICHAEL HARMON to **JOEL MANNING**. Certificate.

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Book D, page 168.

JOHN MIRACLE to **AARON JONES**.

T8S, R4W containing 40 acres.

Witnessed by **JAMES O'DANIEL** and **HANSON MARLOW**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 258-59.

Recorded BOI on 27 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 168. Deed.

JUDGES OF CO. COURT to **WILLIAM DAVIS**.

On 22 Jul 1816 **JESSE GRIGGS**, **NATHAN DAVIS** and **JAMES HALL** judges of the County Court of Jackson County in the Illinois Territory sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of the Township of Gognia in the County and Territory aforesaid for \$41 that certain lot or piece of ground described as follows to wit situate ad being in the town of Brownsville the seat of Justice for the said County of Jackson being no. 8 and formerly part of twenty acres of land conveyed to said judges aforesaid for the use and benefit of the County of Jackson by **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA** his wife by deed bearing the date of 11 June 1815 thus described to wit "situate on the north side of Big Muddy River in the said county of Jackson and contained within the following boundaries to wit: Beginning at a post in the SE ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R3W of the 3rd PM and running N 40 degrees 80 perches to a stake thence N. 50 degrees W forty perches to a stake thence South 40 degrees W eighty perches to a stake thence S 50 degrees E forty perches to the beginning from which said post or beginning corner a white oak 18 inches in diameter bears N 56 degrees W 31 links and a point on the northerly back of Big Muddy River where the line between Sections No. 2 and No. 11 strikes said river 40 poles easterly of the quarter section corner bears S 16 degrees W forty poles containing 20 acres" and which piece or parcel of ground forms part of a certain tract of land containing 160 acres being the SE ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R3W, which was entered at Kaskaskia by **JAMES GILBREATH** and

for which land the said **JAMES GILBREATH** tendered in payment to the Receiver of Public Monies for the said district of Kaskaskia one hundred sixty acres of land being part of the donation claim on **WIDOW MARIE RACINE** of four hundred acres _____ and confirmed to **WILLIAM MORRISON** as per the said Register's Certificate of Confirmation No. 158 Claim No. 430 and which the said 160 acres was conveyed by **WILLIAM MORRISON** and **ELIZA** his wife to **JAMES GALBREATH** by deed dated 25 October 1814.

Witnessed by **GEORGE CREATH** and **JAMES HARROLD**.

Originally recorded in Book A, page 86 on 16 May 1817.

Recorded BOI 27 Jun 1843.

Book D, page 171. Deed.

JACOB WOOLRICK and others to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

On 4 Mar 1828 **JACOB WOOLRICK** brother and heir of **JOHN WOOLRICK** deceased and **ANNICE** his wife; **SALLY WOOLRICK** sister and heiress of the said **JOHN** deceased; and **JOHN MANSKER** and **DICE** his wife late **DICE WOOLRICK** and wife of the said **JOHN WOOLRICK** deceased, all of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of the same county and state for \$10 the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 29, T8S, R4W the same half quarter heretofore belonging to the said **JOHN WOOLRICK** in his life time, the said interest conveyed or intended to be being the seven undivided nine parts thereof which at the death of the said **JOHN WOOLRICK** fell and descended to them as widow and heirs of his estate the said **JACOB** and wife inheriting receiving consideration for and hereby transferring one third of two thirds of said land and the said **MANSKER** and wife inheriting receiving consideration for and hereby transferring one third of the said land...said **WILLIAM DAVIS** and his wife as heirs also of the said **JOHN WOOLRICK**...

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **DYCE MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 404 on 24 Mar 1828.

Recorded BOI 20 July 1843.

Book D, page 172.

JAMES DAVIS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

On 16 Mar 1833 **JAMES DAVIS** and **BETSY** his wife of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** for \$60 two tracts of land, to wit: the W ½ W ½ SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W containing 40 acres (this land lies in the upper or North end of Elk Prairie) and the other part being a part of the E ½ of the same half quarter and bounded as follows: beginning at the SE corner of said half section and from thence running West along the south line of the said half quarter to the division line between the east and west half thereof the same division line being the East line of the piece above described, thence N along said division line to a certain branch which runs through the south part of the said half quarter and empties into the creek or branch running between the Nine Mile and Elk Prairies thence down the said branch in a NE direction to a point on the said branch from which a south line being run there will be included between it on the East and said division line on the West of the said South line of the said half quarter on the South and the said branch on the North, the quantity of 7 acres, thence S to the said South line of the said half quarter.

Witnessed by **J. MANNING** and **JOHN ROBINSON**.
Originally recorded in Book C, page 58 on 18 Mar 1833.
Recorded BOI on 26 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 174.

JOSIAH CREWS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

On 27 Jan 1838 **JOSIAH CREWS** and **SALLY** his wife of Elk Prairie, Jackson County in the State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** for \$58 the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, T7S, R1W, containing 40 acres, the same having been entered by the said Crews at the land office in Kaskaskia.

Witnessed by **HARDY CREWS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 383-4 on 9 Feb 1838.
Recorded BOI on 26 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 176.

MADISON SPEERS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

In Feb 1838 **MADISON SPEERS** and his wife **SARAH** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of same county and state for \$50 the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T7S, R1W containing 40 acres.

Witnessed by **JOHN ROBINSON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 385 on 9 Feb 1838.
Recorded BOI on 26 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 177.

MADISON SPEERS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

In Feb 1838 **MADISON SPEERS** and his wife **SARAH** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of same county and state for ____ the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T7S, R1W containing 40 acres.

Witnessed by **JOHN ROBINSON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 384 on 9 Feb 1838.
Recorded BOI on 26 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 178.

JAMES DAVIS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

In 17 Feb 1838 **JAMES DAVIS** and his wife **SALLY DAVIS** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of same county and state for \$50 the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T7S, R1W containing 33 acres.

Witnessed by **DANL H BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 385-6 on 22 Feb 1838.
Recorded BOI on 27 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 179.

BANISTER CREWS to **WILLIAM DAVIS**. Deed.

On 7 Aug 1838 **BANISTER CRUSE** [sic] and **FRANKEY** his wife of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM DAVIS** of the same county and state for \$150 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T7S, R1W.

Witnessed by **JOHN ROBINSON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 432 on 18 Sep 1838.

Recorded BOI on 27 Jul 1843.

Book D, page 180.

COMMISSIONERS to **WILLIAM WORTHEN**. Deed.

On 9 May 1826 at the May term of the Circuit Court **HUMPHREY B. JONES**, **RICHARD I. HAMILTON** and **JOHN HAMMOND** were appointed Commissioners by said court to make partition of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T8S, R4W; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T9S, R3W; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T8S, R3W; and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T8S, R3W between **HENRY WILL**, **JACOB WILL**, **DANIEL WILL**, **DOROTHY BARBARA GRIFFA**, **JOHN WILL**, **PETER WILL**, **SUSAN MASON**, wife of **JACOB MASON**, **CONRAD WILL**, **SUSANNA HENNINGER** and **BETSY HENNINGER** minors under the age of 21 years and children of **MOLLY HENNINGER**, late wife of **GEORGE HENNINGER**. Whereas it was not possible to partition these properties of the estate of DANIEL C. WILL dec'd a public sale was ordered for the first Monday of October 1826 and whereas **WILLIAM WORTHEN** was the high bidder for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T8S, R3W by bidding the sum of \$26 and also the highest and best bidder for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T8S, R3W for \$70, amounting in whole to \$96, being two of the tracts or parcels first above mentioned.

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Book D, page 190. Deed.

ANDREW J. DAVIS to **JAMES HENSON**

On 24 Mar 1837 **ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS** of the County of Jackson State of Illinois and **MALINDA DAVIS** his wife sold to **JAMES HENSON** of the county and state aforesaid for \$160 a certain parcel of land or lot of ground lying and being situate in the said county of Jackson and State of Illinois aforesaid in the Big Hill Settlement and known and described to wit: The undivided half of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T10S, R3W, it being the undivided half of the said quarter section formerly belonged to **AARON DAVIS** deceased.

Witnessed by **DAN'L H BRUSH**, **BEN^N BOONE** and **MRS BRADSHAW**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 286 on 24 Mar 1837.

Recorded BOI on 21 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 191. Deed.

DAVID HENSON to **JAMES HENSON**.

On 15 Feb 1841 **DAVID HENSON** and **MARY** his wife of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **JAMES HENSON** of the same county and state for \$50 the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T9S, R3W containing 40 acres.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 69 on 19 Feb 1841.

Recorded BOI on 22 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 192. Deed.

GILES HENSON to JAMES HENSON.

On 15 Feb 1841 **GILES HENSON** and of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **JAMES HENSON** of the same county and state for \$50 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T9S, R3W containing 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 70 on 19 Feb 1841.

Recorded BOI on 22 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 193. Deed.

JAMES DAVIS to JAMES HENSON.

On 5 Dec 1838 **JAMES DAVIS** and **SALLY DAVIS** his wife of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **JAMES HENSON** of the same county and state for \$380 a tract piece or parcel of land designated on the corrected plat of public lands offered for sale at the Kaskaskia Land Office as the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T9S, R3W containing 69 & 33/100ths acres, which said tract of land was patented by the said **JAMES DAVIS** as appears by a patent issued to him by the president of the United States and dated on the 22nd day of June A.D. 1824.

Witnessed by **JAMES DAVIS JUNIOR** and **SAMUEL MASSY**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 511-12 on 28 Jun 1839.

Recorded BOI on 22 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 195. Deed.

SAMUEL MORRIS to JOHN BRADSHAW.

On 17 Mar 1841 **SAMUEL MORRIS** of the County of Jackson State of Illinois sold to **JOHN BRADSHAW** for \$350 the property described in a patent dated 1 Aug 1838 as the E $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, T9S, R4W containing 120 acres.

Witnessed by **SAMUEL LEGATE** and **EMILY LEGATE**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 97-8 on 24 May 1841.

Recorded BOI on 22 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 197.

WILLIAM BOONE to AARON DAVIS. Deed.

On 3 Oct 1818 **WILLIAM BOONE** of Jackson County Illinois Territory and **CATHERINE** his wife sold to **AARON DAVIS** for \$600 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T10S, R3W containing 160 acres, which had originally been recorded at the land office in Kaskaskia by **WILLIAM ARUNDEL** and conveyed to **WILLIAM BOONE** on 16 Dec 1814 and recorded in Book A, page 4.

Witnessed by **JOHN PHELPS** and **MAURIS FULLER**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 426-27.

Recorded BOI on 24 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 198.

JAHU DAVIS to J & M DAVIS. Deed.

On 29 Jan 1827 **JAHU DAVIS** of Jackson County and State of Illinois and **JANE** his wife assigned to **JACKSON DAVIS** and **MICHAEL J. DAVIS** for \$32 all of their undivided fifth part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T10S, R3W, deducting therefrom one third

part of said quarter section the portion of the same belonging to the **WIDOW OF AARON DAVIS** it being the same quarter section belonging to **AARON DAVIS** at the time of his death. The party of the first part were heirs to the estate of **AARON DAVIS**. Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 468 on 12 Jan 1830.

Recorded BOI 24 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 199.

JAMES HENSON to **J & M. DAVIS**. Deed.

On 29 Jan 1827 **JAMES HENSON** of Jackson County State of Illinois and **ELIZABETH** his wife assigned to **JACKSON DAVIS** and **MICHAEL J. DAVIS** for \$32 an undivided 1/5th part of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W, deducting therefrom the one third part thereof the portion of the **WIDOW OF AARON DAVIS** deceased, it being the same quarter section belonging to the said **AARON DAVIS** in his lifetime or all right and title of the said party of the first part to the said quarter section as heirs of the estate of the said **AARON DAVIS**.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 467 on 12 Jan 1830.

Recorded BOI on 24 Aug 1843.

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Book D, page 201.

JAMES HENSON to J & M. DAVIS. Deed.

On 20 Jan 1830 **JAMES HENSON** of Jackson County State of Illinois and **ELIZABETH** his wife assigned to **JACKSON DAVIS** and **MICHAEL J. DAVIS** for \$30 an undivided 1/5th part of 2/3rds of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W, deducting therefrom the one third part thereof the portion of the **WIDOW OF AARON DAVIS** deceased, is the same that descended at the death of the said **AARON DAVIS** to **PRISCILLA**, otherwise called and better known by the name of **MATILDA DAVIS** daughter of the said **AARON DAVIS** and she with her husband **JOHN BRADSHAW** has since conveyed he same to the said **JAMES HENSON**.

Witnessed by **WM BOONE** and **NATHAN D. WALKER**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 507 on 6 May 1830.

Recorded BOI on 24 Aug 1843.

Book B, page 202.

JOHN BRADSHAW to JAS. HENSON. Deed.

This indenture made and entered into between **JOHN BRADSHAW** and **PRISCILLA** otherwise better known by the name of **MATILDA** his wife late **PRISCILLA DAVIS** heiress of the estate of **AARON DAVIS** deceased on the first part and **JAMES HENSON** of the second part, all of the County of Jackson State of Illinois on 2 Dec 1829 for \$30 all of the one equal and undivided fifth part of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W after deducting therefrom the one undivided third part thereof the portion or dower of the widow of the said **AARON DAVIS** deceased it being the same quarter section lying in the Big Hill Settlement Jackson County and belonged to the said **AARON DAVIS** at the time of his death or all the right and title of the said party of the first part to the said quarter section as heirs of the estate of the said **AARON DAVIS** deceased.

Witnessed by **J. MANNING** and **BENNINGSON BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book

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Book D, page 210.

A.J. REYNOLDS to PETER HAHN.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 550-51.

Recorded BOI on 25 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 211.

JAMES HENSON to JAS. EVANS. Deed.

On 3 Dec 38 **JAMES HENSON** of Jackson County and State of Illinois and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **JAMES EVANS** of the same county and state for \$475 the undivided half of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W containing 80 acres more or less.

Witnessed by **BEN^N BOONE**, **JAMES LAMONT** and **ELIZABETH BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 449.
Recorded BOI 25 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 213.

MICHAEL DAVIS to **JAS. EVANS**. Deed.

MICHAEL DAVIS and **ELIZABETH** his wife of the State of Illinois and County of Jackson for the consideration of \$500 sell to **JAMES EVANS** one undivided moiety or half of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W and the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 8, T10S, R3W containing 80 acres more or less.

Witnessed by **BEN^N BOONE**, **DAVID S. ROBERTS** and **HIRAM LEE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 500-01.

Recorded BOI on 26 Aug 1843.

Book D, pages 214-126.

THOS. MORROW to **MARVIL HENSON**. Deed.

On 30 Jun 1827 **THOMAS MORROW** and **MALINDA** his wife of Jackson County and State of Illinois and Malinda his wife sold to **MARVIL HENSON** for \$100 a part of the NW ¼ of Section 18, T10S, R3W and also a small part of the NE ¼ of the same, which bordered the land of **WILLIAM MCROBERTS**, at the south end of the piece hereby conveyed which said **MORROW** had purchased from **PIERRE MANARD** and heretofore conveyed to **ALLEN HENSON** and the said **ALLEN** to the said **MARVIL HENSON** and was included in the within deed merely as a matter of convenience and had full power to sell and convey the same in manner and form as they have hereby done.

Witnessed by **BENNINGSON BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 378.

Recorded BOI on 26 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 216.

WILLIAM BOONE to **ALLEN HENSON**. Deed.

On 20 Apr 1817 **WILLIAM BOONE** and **CATHERINE** his wife of Jackson County Illinois Territory sold to **ALLEN HENSON** of the county and territory aforesaid for \$300 all that part or parcel of land that is situated south of the principal chanell [sic: channel] of Greens Creek in the NE ¼ of Section 18, T10S, R3W containing one hundred and fourteen and thirty seven hundredths acres.

Witnessed by **JOHN MORROW** and **THOMAS MORROW**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 187-189.

Recorded BOI on 26 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 218.

JOHN W. SMITH to **S. A. HOLLIDAY**. Deed.

On 7 Mar 1840 **JOHN W. SMITH** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **STEPHAN A. HOLIDAY** [sic] of the county and state aforesaid for \$500 the SE ¼ of Section 22, T8S, R2W (with the exception of 90 perches where the graveyard is on said premises) containing 159 and seventy perches.

Witnessed by **JACOB CRYLEY**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 83-4.

Recorded BOI on 26 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 219.

WM. A. PATTERSON to **D. H. BRUSH**. Report of Board.

Report of the Board of Investigation established by an act of the Legislature of Minors entitled "An act to repair the damage occasioned by the destruction of the records and public documents of Jackson County approved on the 1st of February 1843." Report that satisfactory evidence has this day been adduced before he said Board showing that sometime in the fall of the year 1838 or spring of 1839 **WILLIAM A. PATTERSON** and **ANN V.** his wife executed acknowledged and delivered to **DANIEL H. BRUSH** of Jackson County.

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Book D, page 225.

J. R. EVANS to **WILLIAM WILSON**.

JEREMIAH R. EVANS and **ELIZABETH** his wife for \$150 sell to **WILLIAM WILSON** the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 17, T9S, R2W, said land entered by **JEREMIAH R. EVANS** at the Kaskaskia Land Office on 17 Aug 1837 as appears by the Receivers receipt number 6871.

Witnessed by **DANIEL H. BRUSH**.

[NOTE: the header at the top of page 226 titles this deed as being between **J. R. EVANS** and **THOS. DAVIS**]

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 513-14 on 1 Jul 1839.

Recorded BOI on 28 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 226.

JOHN A. KILPATRICK to **WM. BRITON**. Deed.

On 17 Aug 1838 **JOHN A. KILPATRICK** and **SARAH** his wife of County of Jackson and State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM BRITON** for \$50 the SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 1, T8S, R5W containing 40 acres.

Witnessed by **ANDREW JONES SENIOR** and **EZEKIEL HOLLOMAN**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 435 on 17 Oct 1838.

Recorded BOI on 29 Aug 1843.

WM. H. HIGGINS to **M. B. SLOAN**. Deed.

On 18 Mar 40 **WILLIAM H. HIGGINS** and **JANE S. HIGGINS** his wife of the County of Randolph and State of Illinois sold to **MARMADUKE B. SLOAN** of the County of Jackson and state aforesaid for \$3,000 a part of the N ½ of Section 28, T8S, R5W containing 310 acres more or less.

Witnessed by **MICHAEL CRISLER** and **HARVEY CLENDENIN**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 7 and 8.

Recorded BOI on 29 Aug 1843.

F.O. BIGELOW to **TUTHILL & BRUSH & D. H. BRUSH**. Report of Board.

The Board reports that satisfactory evidence has adduced showing that on or about 28 Nov 1842 **FREDERICK O. BIGELOW** of Jackson County executed acknowledged and delivered a deed of mortgage to **D. B. TUTHILL** and **D. H. BRUSH** doing business under the firm and by the style of **TUTHILL AND BRUSH** and to **D. H. BRUSH** individually on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T7S, R2W which said mortgage was executed by said **BIGELOW** for the purpose of securing to the said **TUTHILL & BRUSH** the payment of a note made by said **BIGELOW** to them in the name and style of "**TUTHILL & BRUSH**" on the 15th day of February 1842 for the sum of \$49.63 due one day after date & drawing interest at the rate of twelve percentum per annum from the 25th day of December 1841 until paid. And it appears that the said mortgage was also executed by said **BIGELOW** to the said **DANIEL H. BRUSH** individually to secure him the payment of a certain note made and executed by the said **BIGELOW** to said **BRUSH** for the sum of \$55 dated on the 26th day of February A. D. 1842 due and payable one year after the date thereof and to draw interest at the rate of ten percentum per annum from due until paid which said mortgage it appears was on the day of the date thereof filed with the recorder of Jackson County for record, was duly recorded & being left in the office was consumed with the records thereof by fire on the night of the 10th of January A. D. 1843.
Recorded BOI 29 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 229.

JAS. BRUSH to **D. H. BRUSH & S. J. ETHERTON**. Mortgage.

On 10 Jun 1842 **JAMES BRUSH** of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois sold to **DANIEL H. BRUSH** and **SAMUEL J. ETHERTON** of the county and state aforesaid for \$150 the following described personal property, to wit: one chestnut sorrel mare five years old next fall, also one mare mule colt about three months old, said colt in the foal of said mare. Also one dark brown horse three years old this spring. Also one brown cow marked with two crops and two underbits and has one horn slipped off. Also one black cow with a star in her forehead is about four years old

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Book D, page 236.

JAS. BRUSH to **DANIEL H. BRUSH**.

the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T10S, R2W.

Recorded BOI 30 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 236.

M. B. SLOAN to **WILLIAM H. HIGGINS**. Report of Board.

On 20 May 1843 the Board established that satisfactory evidence had been adduced that on 25 Jan 1842 **M. B. SLOAN** executed, acknowledged and delivered to **WILLIAM W. [sic] HIGGINS** a deed of mortgage on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T8S, R5W and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28 in the same township and range, which said mortgage was made to secure to said **HIGGINS** the payment of the several notes made by said **SLOAN** to said **HIGGINS** on the said 25th day of January 1842. One of which for \$501.80 was payable two years after date, and one for \$501.80 was payable three years after the date thereof,

and all interest that might accrue thereto. It further appears that the said mortgage was filed for record in the recorders office of Jackson County and duly recorded some time previous to the 1st of May 1842, and was left in the said office.
Recorded BOI on 30 Aug 1843.

Book D, page 237.

CONRAD WILL to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL**. Deed.

On 3 Nov 1818 **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNAH** his wife of the County of Jackson and Territory of Illinois sold to **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** of the same place for \$500 that certain tract or parcel of land lying on the South Side of Big Muddy River immediately opposite the town of Brownsville and being a part of a quarter section marked and designated by the SE ¼ of Section 2, T9S, R3W containing 18 acres 75 poles more or less, also two acres and two poles being part of the same quarter lying west of **SAML. DAVIS** land.

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Book D, page 245.

BEN THORNBERRY to **JOHN DEASON**.

Originally recorded Book B, page 399, 5 Mar 1828.
Recorded BOI 16 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 245.

JESSE DAVIS to **JOHN DEASON**. Deed.

On 20 Aug 1821 **JESSE DAVIS** and **AMILLA** his wife of Jackson County sold to **JOHN DEASON** of Jackson County for \$125 sixty-?? and 1/3 acres described as the S ½ of lot or quarter section that **JOSHUA DAVIS** entered with the Register of the Land Office for the District of Kaskaskia and for which he has paid the full amount of the purchase money. The said quarter section of land being designated, marked and known on the Corrected Plat of Public Survey in said office by the NW ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R2W.

Witnessed by **HEZEKIAH DAVIS** and **ADAM FIFER**.

Originally recorded Book B, page 460, 12 Oct 1821.
Recorded BOI 16 Sep 1843.

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Book D, page 249.

WM. WILKINSON to **A. J. REYNOLDS**, Adm. Mortgage.

Satisfactory evidence has been adduced before the Board of Investigation showing that on 23 Se 1847 **WILLIAM WILKINSON** executed, acknowledged and delivered to **ANDREW J. REYNOLDS**, administrator of the estate of JAMES TAYLOR deceased a deed of mortgage on the SE ¼ NE fractional ¼, NW ¼ NE fractional ¼ and the SW fractional ¼ NE fractional ¼ of Section 15, T9S, R5W containing the said three tracts of land, 112 acres more or less. Which said mortgage was made to secure the payment of a certain note executed by said **WILLIAM WILKINSON** as security and was made

payable to the said **ANDREW J. REYNOLDS**, administrator as aforesaid, which said note is for the sum of \$142.06 is dated 23 Sep 1842 and is made payable six months after date. Which said mortgage it appears was on the day of the date thereof filed in the recorders office of said county, was duly recorded, and not having been taken from the office was consumed by the fire that destroyed the records on the night of 10 Jan 1843. [A note in the left margin states that on 13 Nov 1848 the mortgage debt was satisfied.] Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 249.

HENRY KIMMEL to **JAMES DAVIS**. Deed.

On 10 May 1825 **HENRY KIMMEL** of Randolph County State of Illinois and his wife **SUSANNA** sold to **JAMES DAVIS** of Jackson County in the same state for \$500 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, T9S, R4W containing 150 40/100^{ths} acres and originally purchased from the United States by the said **JAMES DAVIS** and *by several transfers the title became vested in the said HENRY KIMMEL.*

Witnessed by **HENRY O'HARA** and **RAPHAEL WIDEN**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 321 on 16 Jan 1826.

Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

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Book D, page 251.

JAMES DAVIS to **THOMAS DAVIS**. Deed.

On 21 Apr 1832 **JAMES DAVIS** and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **THOMAS DAVIS** for \$10 and "in consideration for the love and natural affection which I bear toward my said son **THOMAS DAVIS**, and in consequence of his being of a less robust and healthy constitution than **MY OTHER SONS**" a property in what is called the Upper Bluff Settlement, Mississippi Bottom, Jackson described as the E ½ NE ¼ Section 1, T9S, R4W, it being half of the quarter section sold and transferred by **HENRY KIMMEL** then of Randolph County to the said **JAMES DAVIS**.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **JAHUE DAVIS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 28 on 10 May 1832.

Recorded BOI 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 252.

BERRY HARRIS to **THOMAS DAVIS**. Deed.

On 5 Oct 1837 **BERRY HARRIS** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **THOMAS DAVIS** of the same county and state for \$45 a tract of land lying in the Mississippi Bottom described as the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 6, T9S, R3W containing 34 & 66/10ths acres.

Witnessed by **PAUL KIEFER** and **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 336-37 on 6 Oct 1837.

Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 254.

JAMES DAVIS to **THOMAS DAVIS**. Deed.

On 6 Oct 1841 **JAMES DAVIS** and **ANNA** his wife of the County of Jackson State of Illinois sold to **THOMAS DAVIS** of the county and state aforesaid for \$200 the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W containing 70 & 75/100ths acres, being one half of a tract of land conveyed to the said **JAMES DAVIS** by **HENRY KIMMEL** & wife by deed bearing date of 10 Mar 1825 and recorded in Book B, page 321.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 139-40.

Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 256.

BENJ^N HENDERSON and wife to **PETER WILL**.

On 13 Jul 1836 **BENJAMIN HENDERSON** and **CATHERINE** his wife sold to Peter Will of Sangamon County, Illinois for \$1,200 SW ¼, Section 26, T8S, R2W, which was originally patented by **ANDREW THOMPSON** and was convey by him and his wife to said **HENDERSON** on 26 Oct 1818 and mortgaged to the State Bank of Illinois by deed on 25 July 1818.

Originally recorded Book C, page 240 on 8 Jul 1836.

Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 257.

GEORGE BUTCHER and wife to **PETER WILL**.

On 23 May 1837 **GEORGE BUTCHER** and his wife **POLLY** sold to **PETER WILL**, all of Jackson County, Illinois for \$100 part of the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 32, T8S, R2W. Originally recorded Book C, pages 310 and 311 on 1 Jun 1837.

Recorded BOI on 21 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 259.

JOHN BUTCHER and wife to **JOHN WILL**.

On 1 Sep 1838 **JOHN BUTCHER** and his wife **HULDAH** sold to **JOHN WILL**, all of Jackson County, Illinois for \$500 the NW ¼ of Section 35, T8S, R2W [detailed metes and bounds legal description follows].

Originally recorded Book C, pages 428 and 429 on 3 Sep 1838.

Recorded BOI on 22 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 260.

JAMES SMITH and wife to **SAMUEL D. SMITH**.

On 1 Mar 1837 **JAMES SMITH** and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **SAMUEL D. SMITH**, all of Jackson County, Illinois for and in consideration of the love and affection they have continuously abiding for his son **SAMUEL D. SMITH**, party of the second part, conveyed the NE ¼ of Section 34, T8S, R2W located on the Big Muddy River.

Originally recorded Book C, page 306 on 22 May 1837.

Recorded BOI on 26 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 262.

SAMUEL D. SMITH to **GARRETT WILL**.

On 5 Dec 1838, **SAMUEL D. SMITH** sold to **GARRETT WILL** (both of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$450 the NE ¼ of Section 34, T8S, R2W situated on the Big Muddy River.

Originally recorded Book C, page 448 on 13 Dec 1838.

Recorded BOI on 26 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 263.

JAMES UPSHAW and wife to **CASPER SIMMONS**.

On 8 Feb 1832, **JAMES UPSHAW** and **ISABELL** his wife sold to **CASPER SIMMONS** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$300 the SE ¼ of Section 15, T8S, R1W to be taken off the east side of the said quarter section in the form of a regular parallelogram. The same being first owned by the United States, second by **PIERRE MANARD**, third by **JAMES WHITE**, fourth by **JACOB THOMPSON**, fifth by **WILLIAM CLARK**, sixth by **GEORGE UPSHAW** and seventh by the said **JAMES UPSHAW**.

Witnessed by **WILLIAM M. UPSHAW** and **ANDREW HAYS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 32 on 5 Jun 1832.

Recorded BOI on 26 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 264.

CASPAR [sic] SIMMONS and wife to **PETER WILL**.

On 12 Jul 1838, **CASPER SIMMONS** and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **PETER WILL** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$800 three properties: the first being 100 acres of land of the SE ¼ of Section 15, T8S, R1W The same being first owned by the United States, second by **PIERRE MANARD**, third by **JAMES WHITE**, fourth by **JACOB THOMPSON**, fifth by **WILLIAM CLARK**, sixth by **GEORGE UPSHAW** and seventh by the said **JAMES UPSHAW**, and eighth by the said **CASPER SIMMONS**, the second being 60 acres in the SE ¼ of Section 15, T8S, R1W which had been owned by **JOHN TINER**, who conveyed the property by deed to **CASPER SIMMONS** on 24 Mar 1836, and the third containing 40 acres in the SE ¼, NE ¼ of Section 15, T8S, R1W, it being first owned by the United States and second by **CASPER SIMMONS**.

Witnessed by **PETER KIMMEL** and **ISHAM STEPHENSON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 426 and 427 on 13 Aug 1838.

Recorded BOI on 26 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 266.

THOMAS WHITSON and wife to **BENJ^N F. HENSON**.

On 19 Aug 1837, **THOMAS WHITSON** and **SOPHIA** his wife for the consideration of \$300 sold to **BENJAMIN HENSON** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) a parcel of land as described in a Patent order from the United States dated 14 Jul 1825 to the said **THOMAS WHITSON** recorded in volume first, page sixty four described as the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 32, T9S, R3W.

Witnessed by **BENNINGSSEN BOONE** and **ELIZABETH H. BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 338 on 11 Oct 1837.

Recorded BOI on 26 Sep 1843.

Book D, pages 268 to 271.

WILLIAM BOON, adm to **THOMAS WHITSON**.

On 15 May 1832, **WILLIAM BOONE**, administrator of the estate of **GEORGE LUZADDER**, conveyed property to **THOMAS WHITSON** (all of Jackson County, Illinois). On 9 May 1829 **WILLIAM BOONE** was appointed as administrator of **GEORGE LUZADDER**'s estate. And on 11 Oct 1830 he moved the court for an order to sell real estate in order to pay the debts of the deceased, but the motion was continued to the following day. On 12 Oct 1830, the court allowed him to proceed with the sale of the property, which consisted of five equal and undivided eighths of the SE ¼ of Section 6, T10S, R3W and the remainder of the NE ¼ of the same section after deducting therefrom in the manner specified in several deeds from **SINCLAIR MANSON** to **MATTHEW DUNCAN**, from **MATTHEW DUNCAN** to **JOSEPH DUNCAN**, from **JOSEPH DUNCAN** to **WILLIAM M^CFATRIDGE JR**. The land was sold at public auction after providing notice as prescribe by law on 18 Dec 1830 to **THOMAS WHITSON** for \$54.37 ½, being the highest and best bidder.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **DIZA MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 29 on 16 May 1832.

Recorded BOI on 27 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 272.

HENRY EDDY, States Attorney to **THOMAS WHITSON**.

On 26 Apr 1834, the president and director of the State Bank of Illinois by **HENRY EDDY**, States Attorney thereunto authorized by law of the first part and **THOMAS WHITSON** of the County of Jackson, State of Illinois on the second part witnesseth that whereas on the 16th day of April 1830, the cashier of the branch of the State Bank of Illinois at Brownsville by authority of the acts of the general assembly of said state did sell at public sale the NE end of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T10S, R3W containing 206 acres, more or less, for which **THOMAS WHITSON** paid the sum of \$669, for which he executed his three certain judgment notes to the said Bank payable in one, two and three years from the said date of sale, each being for one third of said amount, all of which were paid together with all interest thereon.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 129 on 21 May 1834.

Recorded BOI on 27 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 273.

BENJ^N MORROW and wife to **THOMAS WHITSON**.

On 16 May 1935, **BENJAMIN MORROW** and **MATILDA** his wife, formerly **MATILDA GASTON**, the daughter and heiress of **WILLIAM GASTON**, deceased, sold to **THOMAS WHITSON** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$100 one equal and undivided tenth part of: the SW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T10S, R4W and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T10S, R4W. The said lands having descended to the said **MORROW** from **WILLIAM GASTON**, who was the owner and occupier of said land at the time of his death.

Witnessed by **H. M. JENKINS** and **ROBERT R. GARDINER**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 173 on 6 Jul 1835.

Recorded BOI on 27 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 275.

MARK WALKER and wife to **THOS. WHITSON**.

On 18 Jun 1835, **MARK WALKER** and **TEMPERANCE** his wife [implied heiress of **WILLIAM GASTON**] sold to **THOMAS WHITSON** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$100 all of their right and interest in the SW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T10S, R4W and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T10S, R4W.

Witnessed by **JAMES HARRELD** and **JACOB SCHWARTZ**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 172 on 6 Jul 1835.

Recorded BOI on 27 Se 1843.

CONRAD WILL Comss^r to **THOS. WITSON**.

On 10 Nov 1834, **CONRAD WILL**, a commissioner specially appointed by the Circuit Court of Jackson County for the purpose of carrying into effect an order or decree of the said court by making a deed to **THOMAS WHITSON** herein after named for certain land herein after described. On 28 Jan 1832, **THOMAS WHITSON** came and filed petition in the said court to make partition between himself and certain heirs of the estate of **JACOB LUZADDER** deceased, joint owners of certain lands, to wit the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T10S, R4W and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T10S, R4W, deducting therefrom 206 acres in the manner mentioned in a certain deed for the said 206 acres made to

MATTHEW DUNCAN by **SINCLAIR MANSON** and afterward divers proceedings were had before the said court upon the said petition when it appeared to the said court that the said **THOMAS WHITSON** was the owner of six equal and undivided eighths of the said above described tract of land so prayed to be divided and two eighths thereof to the heirs aforesaid and three commissioners appointed under and by an order of the said court to wit **CONRAD WILL**, **WILLIAM M^CROBERTS** and **WILLIAM GASTON**. Reported to the said court that the said lands are so circumstanced that a division cannot be made without manifest prejudice to the proprietors of the same and the said report of the said commissioners being accepted by the court on motion of the said **WHITSON** attorney. It is ordered by the court that the said lands described in the application herein be sold on a credit of nine months giving notice... On 25 Oct 1834 came again the parties and **CONRAD WILL** reported he had sold the said land and that **THOMAS WHITSON** became the purchaser at the sum of \$566.50, which he proposes to pay immediately. ...it appearing to the court that **THOMAS WHITSON** was the owner of six eighths of the said lands and that **LEVI LUZADDER** and **CHARLOTTE LUZADDER** were the owners of one eighth each and that **JOEL MANNING** has been appointed guardian ad litem of the said minors. Therefore ordered that the said commissioners pay to the said **WHITSON** six eighths of the said purchase money and to the said **JOEL MANNING** as such guardians two eighths thereof and on further motion it is ordered by the court that the parties herein do pay the costs hereof in proportion to their shares in the lands aforesaid.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **JOHN BYARS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 160 on 25 Mar 1835.

Recorded BOI on 28 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 279.

JEFF^N ALLEN to **THOMAS WHITSON**.

On 19 Oct 1840, **JEFFERSON ALLEN** sold to **THOMAS WHITSON** (both of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$800 the SW ¼ of Section 2 and the East part of the SE ¼ of Section 3, T9S, R2W containing 220 acres.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE** and **D. H. BRUSH**.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 50 on 30 Oct 1840.

Recorded BOI on 28 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 280.

DAVID S. ROBERTS and wife to **BLUCHER BOONE**.

On 15 Oct 1836, **DAVID S. ROBERTS** and **KATHERINE** his wife sold to **BLUCHER BOONE** (all of the same county) for \$100 all their right and title to the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 19, T9S, R4W.

Witnessed by **BEN BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 251 on 21 Oct 1836.

Recorded BOI on 28 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 281.

PIERRE MENARD and wife to **JONATHAN HERRING**.

On 15 Nov 1836, **PIERRE MENARD** and **ANGELINE** his wife of Randolph County, Illinois sold to **JONATHAN HERRING** of Jackson County, Illinois for \$1,000 a parcel of 400 acres in the Mississippi Bottom originally claimed by **JOSEPH DANIE** and designated in the record of the commissioners for the adjustment of claims to land in the District of Kaskaskia as claim number 1762 and survey number 524.¹⁶ Also the N ½ of a fractional half of Section 4, T9S, R5W containing about 300 acres. Also the SE fractional ¼ of Section 33, T8S, R5W containing about 28 acres. Which said several tracts of land was conveyed by **WILLIAM C. GREENUP** to the said **PIERRE MENARD** by deed bearing the date 3 Dec 1831 and recorded in Book C, page 33. Witnessed by **JAMES HUGHES**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 266 on 9 Jan 1837.

Recorded BOI on 28 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 283.

SAMUEL ETHERTON and wife to **JAMES M. REYNOLDS**.

On 29 Aug 1836, **SAMUEL ETHERTON** and **CHARLOTTE** his wife sold to **JAMES MADISON REYNOLDS** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$120 the NE ¼ of Section 26, T8S, R3W.

Witnessed by **BENJ^N. F. CONNER** and **SOPHRONIA CONNER**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 262 on 1 Sep 1836.

Recorded BOI on 29 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 284.

JAS. M. REYNOLDS and wife to **WM. GRAFF** and **J. GRIFFITH**.

Report of the Board.

On 1 Feb 1843, the BOI reported that satisfactory evidence had been presented that on 28 Aug 1841 **JAMES M. REYNOLDS** and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **WILLIAM GRAFF** and **JOHN GRIFFITH** the NE ¼ of Section 26 and the NW ¼ NE ¼ of the same section, T8S, R3W for \$600. The deed was duly recorded, but was consumed in the 1843 courthouse fire.

Original book and page not given.

Recorded BOI on 29 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 284.

JAS. M. REYNOLDS to **A. J. REYNOLDS**.

Report of Board.

On 1 Feb 1843, the BOI found satisfactory evidence that on 14 Apr 1842 **JAMES M. REYNOLDS** sold to **ANDREW J. REYNOLDS** a deed of mortgage for \$600 on the SE ¼ NE ¼ and the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 22, T7S, R5W. The purpose of the mortgage was to secure several promissory notes as described in the deed.

Originally recorded on 28 Dec 1843, no book or page number given.

Recorded BOI on 29 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 286.

THOMAS WHITSON and wife to **BERRY B. WHITSON**.

¹⁶ The majority of this survey was located within Section 33, T8S, R5W.

THOMAS WHITSON and **SOPHIA** his wife sold to **BERRY B. WHITSON** (my son) for \$500 one hundred and twenty acres, being part of the SE ¼ of Section 6, T10S, R3W and the S part of said quarter so as to include within its boundaries 120 acres (leaving the residence of said quarter wholly at the north end thereof).

Witnessed by **ELIZABETH H. BOONE** and **BEN^N. BOONE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 418 & 419 on 11 Jun 1838.

Recorded BOI on 29 Sep 1843.

Book D, page 287.

SAMUEL J. ETHERTON and wife to **AARON EASTERLY**.

On 1 Jan 1842, **SAMUEL J. ETHERTON** and **REBECKAH**¹⁷ his wife sold to **AARON EASTERLY** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$500 the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 29, T9S, R2W. Said half quarter section was granted by a patent from the United States on 22 Oct 1828 to **SAMUEL ETHERTON** and conveyed from him and his wife by deed to **SAMUEL J. ETHERTON** on 1 Oct 1839.

Witnessed by **BENJ^N. F. CONNER** and **MATILDA GIBSON**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 166 & 167 on 20 Jan 1842.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 288.

MICAJAH ETHERTON and wife to **SAMUEL ETHERTON**.

Report of Commissioners.

The BOI approved a report of satisfactory evidence that sometime around Oct 1840 **MICAJAH ETHERTON** and **RACHEL** his wife sold to **SAMUEL ETHERTON** for \$600 the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 21, the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 22 and the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 10, all in T10S, R2W, which said deed was recorded sometime in the Spring of 1841 and later consumed by fire in 1843.

Original book and page not given.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 289.

D. H. BRUSH, Comsr to **M. ETHERTON** & Shff to **S. ETHERTON**.

Report of the Board.

Satisfactory evidence has been adduced by the BOI that sometime about Mar 1836 **JOHN HARRIS** made a bond to **MICAJAH ETHERTON** in the amount of about \$250 for a deed to the SE ¼ NE ¼ and the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section (not stated), T10S, R2W.

MICAJAH ETHERTON filed in chancery for a deed as described in the bond after **JOHN HARRIS** left the county. Afterward **WILLIAM DAVIS** recovered a judgment against said **MICAJAH ETHERTON** where the Sheriff sold according to law the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 10, T10S, R2W and the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 10, T10S, R2W to **SAMUEL ETHERTON** for \$75.

Original book and page not given.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 290.

¹⁷ She signed as Rebecca Etherton.

A. YOUNGMAN and wife to FRANCIS MECHA.

Report of the Board.

Satisfactory evidence has been adduced before the BOI that on 17 Dec 1842 **ADAM YOUNGMAN** and _____ his wife sold to **FRANCIS MECHA** the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 31, T8S, R3W for \$150.

No original book and page number given.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 290.

LUCIUS SWETLAND to TUTHILL & BRUSH.

Report of the Board.

Satisfactory evidence has been adduced before the BOI that on 13 Jan 1842 **LUCIUS SWETLAND** executed with **DANIEL B. TUTHILL** and **DANIEL H. BRUSH** a deed of mortgage upon the NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R2W to secure a debt of \$43.87 payable on or before 1 Apr 1842 and drawing 12% interest per annum.

Original book and page not given.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 291.

FREDERICK TOPE and wife to ROBERT CASEY.

On 7 Jul 1827, **FREDERICK TOPE** and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **ROBERT CASEY** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$200 the N end of the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 28, T10S, R2W. On a dead white oak on the section line of said land, a corner established by **GEORGE LIPE** and the said **ROBERT CASEY**...and which quarter section was granted by patent from the United States bearing date [24 Apr 1826] unto the said Frederick Tope as the legal assignee of **ADAM VANCIL**...

Witnessed by **BENJN. F. CONNER** and **GEORGE LIPE**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 422 on 23 May 1828.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 292.

ROBERT CASEY and wife to WILSON L. WOOD.

On 30 Nov 1829, **ROBERT CASEY** and **BARBARY** his wife sold to **WILLSON** [sic] **L. WOOD** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$150 the N end of the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 28, T10S, R2W. [specific metes and bounds legal description follows]

Witnessed by **JOHN ZIMORMAN** and **PETER ZIMORMAN**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 478 on 24 Mar 1830.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 294.

JESSE GRIGGS, Shff to URBAN E. ROBINSON.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of Jackson County Circuit Court in said state [Illinois] and to me directed bearing date of 26 Apr 1831 and numbered 768 in favor of **RICHARD I. HAMILTON** and against **WILSON L. WOOD** (Wood had 90 days to pay a judgment in favor of Hamilton of \$5, plus \$4.75 in court costs, plus interest).

Wilson's land, the N end of the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 28, T10S, R2W, was appraised on

15 Jun 1831 at \$1 per acre by **JAMES HARRELD, HARRISON HICKS** and **JOHN DALY**. The property was sold at public auction with **URBAN E. ROBINSON** being the highest bidder at \$12.75.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **JOHN GROSVENOR**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 83 on 12 Aug 1833.

Recorded BOI on 3 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 296.

RICHARD M. YOUNG and wife to **WILLIAM WELCH**.

On 22 Apr 1829, **RICHARD M. YOUNG** and **MATILDA** his wife of the town of Kaskaskia, County of Randolph and State of Illinois sold to **WILLIAM WELCH** of Jackson County for \$80 the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 33, T10S, R3W.

Witnessed by **ANDREW M. CLARK** and **WM. C. GREENUP**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 473 on 16 Mar 1830.

Recorded BOI on 5 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 297.

WM. WELCH and wife to **JOHN HOLDER & B. MORROW**.

On 16 Oct 1834, **WILLIAM WELCH** and **LUCY** his wife sold to **JOHN HOLDER** and **BENJAMIN MORROW** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$300 the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 33, T10S, R3W.

Witnessed by **JAMES HARRELD** and **JAMES ETHERTON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 180 on 19 Sep 1835.

Recorded BOI on 5 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 298.

B. MORROW and **J. HOLDER** to **HENRY BUGG**.

On 12 Oct 1835, **BENJAMIN MORROW** and **MATILDA** his wife and **JOHN HOLDER** and **ANN W.**¹⁸ his wife sold to **HENRY BUGG** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$250 the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 33, T10S, R3W.

Witnessed by **SAMUEL LAUGHLIN** and **REASON WRIGHT** on the part of **WM. HOLDER**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 234 on 16 May 1836.

Recorded BOI on 5 Oct 1843.

¹⁸ She signed as Mary Ann Holder.

BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 300

Book D, page 300.

JOHN PARMELY and wife to **HENRY BUGG**.

On 18 Jun 1839, **JOHN PARMELY** and **BERNICA**¹⁹ his wife of the County of Union, State of Illinois, sold to **HENRY BUGG** of Jackson County, Illinois for \$50 the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 33, T10S, R3W, which was purchased from the United States on 28 Dec 1838 by the said **PARMELY**.

Witnessed by **E. H. HOLDER** and **U. E. ROBINSON**.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 549 & 550 on 28 Jan 1840.

Recorded BOI on 5 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 301.

PIERRE MENARD and wife to **THOS & JOHN MORROW**.

On 28 Oct 1815, **PIERRE MENARD** and **ANGELINE** his wife of Randolph County, Illinois Territory sold to **THOMAS MORROW** and **JOHN MORROW** of the same county and state for \$396 the NW ¼ of Section 18, T10S, R3W and containing (as per **ELIAS BARCROFT** deputy surveyor filed in the Registers office at Kaskaskia) 130 and 41/100ths acres, which was purchase by the said Menard on 9 Apr 1815.

Witnessed by **ED HUMPHREYS** and **WILLIAM ARUNDEL**.

Originally recorded in Book A, page 129 to 131 on 12 Jun 1817.

Recorded BOI on 5 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 302.

JOHN MORROW and wife to **THOMAS MORROW**.

On 23 Apr 1818, **JOHN MORROW** and **MEEKY** his wife sold to **THOMAS MORROW** (all of Jackson County, Illinois Territory for \$300 a tract of land beginning at the SE corner of the NW ¼ of Section 18, T10S, R3W [A metes and bounds descriptions follows, encompassing 65 acres and 41/100ths. The description has multiple calls to the land of **WILLIAM M^CROBERTS**. It also mentions the certificate of **ELIAS BARCROFT**, deputy surveyor.]

Witnessed by **WM. R. BELLAMY** and **PETER HAMMOND**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 35 on 20 Mar 1820.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 303.

BENJ^N WALKER to **THOMAS MORROW**.

On 12 Aug 1838, **BENJAMIN WALKER** sold to **THOMAS MORROW** (both of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$120 the W ½ SE ¼ of Section 31, T10S, R2W.

Witnessed by **JOHN FREEMAN** and **WILLSON L. WOOD**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 453 on 24 Jun 1829.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 304.

¹⁹ She signed her mark as Bernese Parmely.

WM. BOONE to BEN MORROW and others.

Whereas **THOMAS MORROW**, late of Jackson County in the state of Illinois now deceased purchased of **WILLIAM BOONE** of the same county and state a part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T10S, R3W. [A metes and bounds legal description follows. It mentions that a creek comes down Big Hill diagonally across the land that is named Green Creek.] ...for certain good reasons the deed of conveyance of the said land was not made by the said **BOONE** to the said **MORROW** in the lifetime of the said **MORROW**. And at the death of the said **MORROW** he left a widow **MALINDA MORROW** (who has since intermarried with one _____ **JERNIGAN**) and three children heirs of his estate, to wit: **BENJAMIN MORROW**, **JOHN B. MORROW** and **THOMAS W. MORROW**. **WILLIAM BOONE** and **KATHERINE** his wife sold for \$75 the above described property to the three heirs of **THOMAS MORROW** deceased, reserving one equal and undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ rd interest in said land to **MALINDA JERNIGAN**.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 52 on 5 Jan 1833.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 306.

GREENBERRY THOMPSON and wife to **R. R. REESE**.

Report of the Board.

REUBEN R. REESE provided satisfactory evidence that in Sep 1839 he purchased from **GREENBERRY THOMPSON** (both of Jackson County, Illinois) the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, T7S, R1W containing 80 acres for \$200, for which consideration **GREENBERRY THOMPSON** and **CHARLOTTE** his wife executed the deed.

Original book and page number not given.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 307.

MALINDA A. RIPLEY to **M. D. RENGLER**.

On 27 Dec 1841, **MALINDA A. RIPLEY** sold to **MARIA D. RENGLER** (both of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$600 one undivided half of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T8S, R2W.

Witnessed by **HILLERY H. RIPLEY** and **BENJN RENGLER**.

Originally recorded Book D, pages 157-58 on 29 Dec 1841.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 308.

JOHN ROBINSON to **JOHN SWAIN**. Deed.

JOHN ROBINSON of Jackson County, State of Illinois sold for \$150 to **JOHN SWAIN** the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, T8S, R2W.

Witnessed by **JOHN HENDERSON** and **JAMES HALL JR**. The deed was also signed by **BELVERETTA ROBINSON**, **JOHN ROBINSON'S** wife.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 536 on 19 Mar 1831.

Recorded BOI on 6 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 309.

JEREMIAH DAVIS to JOHN ROBINSON. Deed.

On 2 Jul 1818 **JEREMIAH DAVIS** of Jackson County State of Illinois sold for \$809 to **JOHN ROBINSON** of the same county and state the 160-acre parcel of land described as the NE ¼ of Section 23, T8S, R2W.

Witnessed by **JOHN MARSHAL** and **WILLIAM M^CMILLAN**. The deed was also signed by **STASEA [sic] P. DAVIS, JEREMIAH'S** wife.

Originally recorded in Book A pages 416-17 on 7 Jun 1819.

Recorded BOI on 7 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 310

JUDGES OF COUNTY COURT to JOHN BYARS. Deed.

On 2 Jul 1816 **JESSE GRIGGS, NATHAN DAVIS** and **JAMES HALL**, judges of the county court of Jackson County in the Illinois Territory sold to **JOHN BYARS** for \$150 a certain lot or piece of ground in Town of Brownsville, Seat of Justice for Jackson County, being No. 26 and forming part of the twenty acres of said county conveyed to the above named judges to and for the use and benefit of the aforesaid county by **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA** his wife by deed bearing the date of the eleventh day of June last.

Witnessed by **JOHN PHELPS**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 214-216.

Recorded BOI on 7 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 311.

Judges of County Court to **JOHN BYARS.** Deed.

On 22 Jul 1816 Judges **JESSE GRIGGS, NATHAN DAVIS** and **JAMES HALL** sold to **JOHN BYARS** for \$56 lot No. 41 of the plat of Brownsville, part of 20 acres conveyed to the County by **CONRAD WILL** and **SUSANNA** his wife.

Witnessed by **JOHN PHELPS** and **CONRAD WILL**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 2214 to 216 on 27 Aug 1817.

Recorded BOI on 7 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 312.

CONRAD WILL and wife to **JOHN BYARS.**

On 10 Mar 1818, **CONRAD WILL** and his wife **SUSANNA** sold to **JOHN BYARS** (all of Jackson County, Illinois Territory) for \$200 the SW ¼ of Section 6, T9S, R1W, which said **CONRAD WILL** entered with the register of the Land Office for the District of Kaskaskia in conformity with the law of the United States providing for the location of confirmed _____ claims as will more fully appear by a reference to the said entry on record in the office of the Register of the said District of Kaskaskia. And for which said land he the said **CONRAD WILL** tendered in payment to the Receiver of Public Monies for the said District of Kaskaskia one hundred and sixty acres, being part of the confirmed donation claim of **JOSEPH ALLANE** of 400 acres No. 1260, and which said quarter section as above described was confirmed unto the said **CONRAD WILL** as per said Registers Certificate No. 76.

Witnessed by **GEORGE CREATH** and **CHAS. C. HUMPHREYS**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 294 to 296, date of recording not given.

Recorded BOI on 7 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 314.

JAMES M. REYNOLDS Shff to **JOHN BYARS**.

On 4 Jun 1839, an indenture between **J. M. REYNOLDS**, Sheriff and **JOHN BYARS** of Jackson County, Illinois. At the suit of **WILLIAM B. ARNOT** against **JAMES HOLDER** a transcript was filed in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of said county in 1837 which such transcript was taken from a judgment and consideration of **URBAN E. ROBINSON** a justice of the peace in and for said county and state aforesaid.

WILLIAM B. ARNOT recovered judgment against **JAMES HOLDER** in a certain debt before that time brought by the said **WILLIAM B. ARNOT** against the said **JAMES HOLDER** for the sum of \$59.95 debt together with the costs of suit and whereas on 23 Dec 1837 a certain writ of Fife issued from the circuit court of said county against the said **JAMES HOLDER** upon such judgment directed the sheriff [basically that the sheriff was to attempt to recover against **JAMES HOLDER** before the next term of the court on the second Monday of May in 1838]. The said writ was delivered to **WILLIAM WORTHEN**, then sheriff and still sheriff of said county. On 27 Dec 1837 said **WORTHEN** against the property of **JAMES HOLDER**, to wit the S part of fr of Section 1, T9S, R2W, containing 63 1/3 acres. [After public notice as required by law, on 24 Jan 1838 the property was offered for sale at public auction and sold to **JOHN BYARS** for \$63 as the highest bidder.]

Originally recorded in Book C, page 43 on 8 Jun 1839.

Recorded BOI on 7 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 316.

FRANCIS MECHA to **FRA BYARS**

On 15 Jun 1840 **FRANCIS MECHA** and **SALLY** his wife of the town of Brownsville, County of Jackson and State of Illinois sold to **FRA BYARS** of the same county and state for \$66 the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 7, T9S, R1W containing 49 and 1/8th acres.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH** and **HENRY NOBLE**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 23-24 on 18 Jun 1840.

Recorded BOI 9 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 317.

JOSHUA DAVIS to **ELIPHAZ DAVIS**. Deed.

On 30 May 1818 **JOSHUA DAVIS** of Jackson County Illinois Territory sold to **ELIPHAZ DAVIS** of the same county and territory for \$264 the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 11, T9S, R2W containing 80 acres.

Witnessed by **THOMAS COX** and **MARVIN FULLER**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 307-8 on 1 Jun 1818.

Recorded BOI on 9 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 318.

ELIPHAZ DAVIS to **PHILLIP DAVIS**. Report of Board.

MARGARET DAVIS produced satisfactory evidence that some time about the year [blank] **PHILLIP DAVIS** purchased from **ELIPHAZ DAVIS** and **SUSAN DAVIS** his wife the W ½ NW ¼ Section 11, T9S, R2W for the sum of [blank] dollars, delivering a

general warrantee deed in or about the year 1838 which was then duly signed and acknowledged according to law. It was destroyed by fire along with the other public documents lost in the 1843 courthouse fire.

Recorded BOI on 9 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 319.

JESSE RASCO to **HEZEKIAH DAVIS**. Deed.

On 24 Feb 1823 **JESSE RASCO** of Jackson County Illinois and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **HEZEKIAH DAVIS JUNIOR** of the same place for \$700 the SE ¼ of Section 3, T9S, R2W.

Witnessed by **WILLIAM M^CMILLEN**, **JOHN PYLE** and **ADAM FIFER**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 218 on 23 Apr 1823.

Recorded BOI on 9 Oct 1843.

Book D, page 320.

JOSEPH FRENCH to **JOHN LOGAN**. Deed.

On 3 Oct 1822 **JOSEPH FRENCH** and **SARAH** his wife of the Jackson County State of Illinois sold to **JOHN LOGAN** of Perry County State of Missouri for \$2,000 the NW ¼ of Section 9 lying on the north side of big Muddy River in T9S, R2W of the 3rd PM including the said river it being part of a tract purchased by the said **FRENCH** from the United States on 1 Sep 1814.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **WILEY O. HARRINGTON**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 193 on 3 Oct 1822.

Recorded BOI on 9 Oct 1843.

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BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 350

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BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 400

GAP IN DEEDS - A SERIES OF DEEDS WAS NOT TRANSCRIBED.

BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 450

GAP IN DEEDS - A SERIES OF DEEDS WAS NOT TRANSCRIBED.

Book D, page 460.

PIERRE MENARD to **JAMES WHITE**.

Witnessed by **RAPHAEL WIDEN** and **ED. HUMPHREYS**.

Originally recorded in Book B, page 352 on 15 Dec 1826.

Recorded BOI on 28 Nov 1843.

Book D, page 462.

LEONARD LIPE to **SYRIAN DAVIS**. Deed.

On 25 Dec 1839 **LEONARD LIPE** and **BARBARY** his wife of the County of Perry and State of Illinois sold to **SYRIAN DAVIS** of the County of Union and State of Illinois for \$400 the NE ¼ of Section 29, T10S, R2W containing 160 acres and located in Jackson County, Illinois.

Witnessed by **WILLIAM WILLIAMS** and **JACOB LIPE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 545-46 on 14 Jan 1840.

Recorded BOI on 29 Nov 1843.

Book D, page 463.

SYRIAN DAVIS to **SAMUEL GARY**. Deed.

On 24 Feb 1842 **SYRIAN DAVIS** and **MARY DAVIS** his wife of Union County and State of Illinois sold to **SAMUEL GAREY** of the same county and state for \$200 the NE ¼ of Section 29, T10S, R2W containing 160 acres.

Witnessed by **OM DAVIDSON** and **CATHERINE KISLER**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 195-97 on 5 May 1842.

Recorded BOI on 29 Nov 1843.

Book D, page 465.

MOSES FERRAR to **JOHN WILKINSON**. Deed.

On 4 Feb 1839 **MOSES FERRAR** and **ANN ARPY** his wife of the County of Perry and State of Missouri sold to **JOHN WILKINSON** of the same county and state for \$100 the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 10 (on the island), T9S, R5W containing 39 & 92/100ths acres more or less, entered by **MOSES FERRAR** at the land office in Kaskaskia Illinois 13 Aug 1836.

Originally recorded in Book C, pages 516-17 on 15 Jul 1839.

Recorded BOI on 29 Nov 1843.

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Book D, page 474.

JOHN FIFER to **JEFF^N ALLEN**. Deed.

On 6 Oct 1837 **JOHN FIFER** and **CLARRISSA** his wife of Posey County and State of Indiana sell to **JEFFERSON ALLEN** of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois for \$65 sixty acres of land described as the E part of the SE ¼ of Section 3, T9S, R3W.

Witnessed by **WILLIAM B. SPILLER**, **MOSES PHIFER** and **CHARLES DAVIS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 362 on 2 Dec 1837.

Recorded BOI on 1 Dec 1843.

Book D, page 475.

CLEMENT DAVIS to **REMEMB^{NCE} PHELPS**. Deed.

I **CLEMENT DAVIS** of Jackson County State of Illinois for in and consideration of love and affection which I have to my grandson **REMEMBRANCE PHELPS** do by these presents give, grant and convey to the said **REMEMBRANCE PHELPS** a certain lot or piece of land beginning at the NE corner of my improvement, running thence due south to the line of **SCHWARTZES** land to and to hold all that part of which lies east of said line which I do bequeath to him the said **REMEMBRANCE PHELPS** free from any will or encumbrance from me or any my heirs whatsoever, except his mother **MARY PHELPS** is to have full power to cultivate said land said land for the support of her family her lifetime [sic].

In testimony whereof I the said **CLEMENT DAVIS** have hereunto put my hand and seal this 26 Jul 1824.

Witnessed by **ELIPHAZ DAVIS**, **JESSE DAVIS** and **JOHN FIFER**.

Originally recorded in Book B, age 331 on 19 Jun 1826.

Recorded BOI on 1 Dec 1843.

Book D, page 475.

ELIHU DAVIS to **JEFFERSON ALLEN**. Letter of Attorney.

ELIHU DAVIS of the County of Jackson State of Illinois, son and heir of **REMEMBRANCE DAVIS** deceased in consideration of eighty four dollars by me in hand paid by **JEFFERSON ALLEN** of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold and transferred and by these present do grant bargain and transfer unto the said **JEFFERSON ALLEN** all the right title interest claim and demand that I have against the estate of the above mentioned **REMEMBRANCE DAVIS** deceased as one of his legal heirs and I hereby authorize **JEFFERSON ALLEN** in my name and for his own proper use and benefit to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from the administrator or administrators of him the said **REMEMBRANCE DAVIS** deceased all such sum or sums of money debts and demands whatsoever which are now due or which may hereafter become due and owing unto me the said **ELIHU DAVIS** for my equal part or portion of the estate of the said **REMEMBRANCE DAVIS** deceased by and from his executors or administrators and to have use and take all lawful ways and means in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof by attachment arrest distress or otherwise and to compound and agree for the same and acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the same for me and in

my name to make seal and deliver and to do all other lawful acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and in every respect as I myself might or could do were I personally preasant [sic] at the doing thereof.

Witnessed by **PROVENCE READER** and **WILLIAM R. PHELPS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 375 on Jan 1838.

Recorded BOI on 1 Dec 1843.

Book D, page 477.

ROB^T HENDERSON to **BEN HENDERSON**. Copy of Deed.

On 8 Oct 1825 **ROBERT HENDERSON** of Jackson County State of Illinois and his wife **NANCY** sold to **BENJAMIN HENDERSON** of the same county and state for \$450 the NW ¼ of Section 26, 8S, R2W containing 160 acres, which said quarter section was purchased of the United States by **ANDREW THOMPSON** and by him sold to **ROBERT HENDERSON** by deed bearing date 10 Jun 1818.

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BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 500

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Book D, page 522.

ABIJAH DAVIS to **JAMES SMITH**. Deed.

On 12 Jul 1834 **ABIJAH DAVIS** sold to **JAMES SMITH** for \$500 the NE ¼ of Section 34, T8S, R2W and the SE ¼ of Section 27, T8S, R2W in Jackson County, Illinois, which were patented to **NATHAN DAVIS** of Randolph County, Illinois Territory on 4 Aug 1818 and **NATHAN DAVIS** transferred to **ABIJAH DAVIS** by deed bearing the date of 9 Aug 1827.

Witnessed by **BENJ^N F CONNER** and **JAMES M. REYNOLDS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 135 on 25 Sep 1834.

Recorded BOI on 20 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 524.

JAMES SMITH and wife to **JOHN W. SMITH**. Deed.

On 21 Aug 1837, **JAMES SMITH** and **ELIZABETH** his wife of Jackson County sold to **JOHN W. SMITH** of the same place "in consideration of the constant and abiding love and affection they have for their son **JOHN W. SMITH**" SE ¼ of Section 27, T8S, R2W in Jackson County, Illinois.

Witnessed by **BENJ^N F CONNER**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 335 & 36 on 14 Sep 1837.

Recorded BOI on 20 Jan 1844.

CONRAD WILL and wife to **HENRY DILLINGER**

On 7 Apr 1820, Conrad Will of Brownsville, Jackson County, Illinois and his wife Susannah sold for \$400 to Henry Dillinger Lot 58 of the Plat of Brownsville and an out lot or parcel of land between Water Street and Big Muddy River opposite the said Lot 58.

Witnessed by **MARVIN FULLER** and **SAML NEEF**.

Originally recorded in Book B, pages 43 & 44.

Recorded BOI on 23 Jan 1844.

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Book D, page 530.

D.B. TUTHILL to **ANNA & RUSSELL TUTHILL**.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH**.

No original book and page given.

Recorded BOI on 24 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 530.

WILLIAM B. ARNETT to **SAMUEL PYATT**. Deed and Report of the Board.

It has been proven to the Board that some time in 1838 **WILLIAM B. ARNETT** and **TABITHA (?)** his wife sold to **SAMUEL PYATT** the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 10, and

the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T10S, R3W, which was acknowledged to **B. F. CONNOR** a Justice of the Peace on 26 Sep 1838.
Recorded BOI on 24 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 530.

B. THORNSBERRY to **GEO. GREENWOOD** and ___ **E. SPILLER**. Report of the Board.

Proof was given that **ELIJAH SPILLER** purchased from **GEORGE GREENWOOD** for a valuable consideration the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T8S, R2W. It also appears that the said **GREENWOOD** purchased the land from **BENJAMIN THORNSBERRY**.
Recorded BOI on 24 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 531.

DAVID DILLINGER and others to **SUSANNA DILLINGER**. Deed and Report of the Board.

Satisfactory evidence was adduced before the Board showing that on or about 26 Jul 1838 **DAVID DILLINGER**, **LEWIS DILLINGER** and **ELIZABETH BROWN** by **DAVID ABERNATHEY**, then lawful attorney empowered by letter of attorney which was recorded in the recorder's office of Jackson County made executed and acknowledged and delivered to **SUSANNAH DILLINGER**, widow of **HENRY DILLINGER** deceased a deed for their interest and claim as heirs of law of the said **HENRY DILLINGER** deceased for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T7S, R3W and also a certain half lot in Brownsville being the northeasterly half of lot no. 37 in said town.
Recorded BOI on 24 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 531.

JAMES BAILEY to **A. J. DAVIS**. Deed & Report of the Board.

Satisfactory proof has been adduced showing that some time about 15 Jun 1839 **JAMES BAILEY** and **EMILY his wife formerly EMILY MASSEY** made executed and delivered to **ANDREW J. DAVIS** a deed for one undivided sixth part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T9S, R3W, being their interest as heirs at law of **SHADRACH MASSEY** deceased. The said deed was recorded sometime in the year 1842.
Recorded BOI on 24 Jan 1844.

Book D, page 532.

HEZEKIAH DAVIS JUNR to **JOHN FIFER**. Deed.

On 2 Sep 1826 **HEZEKIAH DAVIS JUNIOR** and **FANNY** his wife of Jackson County and State of Illinois sold to **JOHN FIFER** of Posey County State of Indiana for \$250 sixty acres of land described as the East part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T9S, R2W. Witnessed by **ADAM FIFER**, **STEPHEN HERRING** and **JOHN BYARS**. Originally recorded in Book B, page 343 on 9 Sep 1836.
Recorded BOI on 30 May 1844.

Book D, page 533.

WM. MORRISON to **BEN. BOONE**. Deed.

On 27 Mar 1832 **WILLIAM MORRISON** and **ELIZA** his wife of the County of Randolph and State of Illinois sold to **BENNINGTON BOONE** of Jackson County same state for \$100 the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 2, T9S

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BOI DEED BOOK D, PAGE 550

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Book D, page 572.

HENRY BUGG to **A. M. JENKINS**. Deed.

On 11 Nov 1834 **HENRY BRIGG** [sic] of the County of Jackson and **ELIZABETH** is wife sold to **ALEXANDER M. JENKINS** of the County of Jackson and State of Illinois for \$100 the NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T10S, R4W, including a right of way or road for the passage of teams and so forth across a certain 45 acre lot of land on which the party of the first part now resides.

Witnessed by **JOEL MANNING** and **MARY ANN WILLIAMS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 146 on 20 Nov 1834.

Recorded BOI on 28 Aug 1844.

Book D, page 573.

JOSHUA DAVIS to **P. KIMMEL** Ex. H. Deed.

On 12 Jun 1818 **JOSHUA DAVIS** of Jackson County, Illinois Territory and **ELIZABETH** his wife sold to **PETER KIMMEL** Executor of **GEORGE KIMMEL** deceased for the use of the heirs as directed by the will of the late **GEORGE KIMMEL** of Pittsburgh for \$1,500 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T9S, R2W and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section aforesaid.

Witnessed by **CONRAD WILL** and **J. HARRISS**.

Originally recorded in Book A, pages 344-45 on 2 Oct 1818.

Recorded BOI on 28 Aug 1844.

Book D, page 575.

JAS. M. REYNOLDS ex-shff to **HENRY KIMMEL**. Deed.

I, **JAMES M. REYNOLDS** late Sheriff of the County of Jackson in the State of Illinois, to all persons to whom these presents shall come, send greeting:

Know ye that whereas **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** did at the April Term of the Jackson Circuit Court held at the Courthouse in Brownsville in the year of our Lord 1840 recover a judgment against **CHARLES L. KIRKOWSKY** upon the foreclosure of a certain deed of Mortgage for the sum of \$1,030.74 and costs of a suit, upon which judgment a special writ of fieri facias was ____ dated on 6 Jul 1840 directed to me, the said **JAMES M. REYNOLDS**, then Sheriff of the County of Jackson aforesaid to execute and by virtue of the said execution or special writ of fieri facias I, the said **JAMES M. REYNOLDS**, Sheriff as aforesaid levied upon the lands hereinafter described and the same was struck off and sold to the said **SINGLETON H. KIMMEL** for the sum of \$700, he being the highest and best bidder therefor, the land being described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T8S, R1W.

Witnessed by **DANL. H. BRUSH** and **S. H. KIMMEL**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 156 & 157, date not given.

Recorded BOI on 28 Oct 1844.

Book D, page 576.

J. GRIGGS Shff to JOSEPH CHARLESS JUNR.

On 1 Jan 1822, a writ of fieri facias was issued whereby the sheriff was empowered to recover from **MATTHEW DUNCAN** \$657.82 plus 6% interest from 7 Sep 1820 until paid, also the sum of \$13.79 for court costs. After due notice as prescribed by law, on 3 Feb 1829 a writ of vendition exponass was issued whereby the sheriff exposed to sale real property belonging to **MATTHEW DUNCAN**, known as the Mill Tract and Steels Survey²⁰ in order to recover said debt. On 6 Feb 1829, the property was appraised at \$1,000. On 13 Apr 1829, **JOSEPH CHARLESS, JUNIOR** of the city of St Louis, Missouri was the highest bidder of at least 2/3rds of the property's value, with a bid of \$667. Having paid the same, a deed was issued on 27 Oct 1832.

Witnessed by **W. W. HIGGINS**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 45 on 18 Dec 1832.

Recorded BOI on 2 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 579.

JOS. CHARLESS and wife to M. Kerr and J. BELL.

On 6 Oct 1840, **JOSEPH CHARLESS** and **CHARLOTTE T.** his wife sold to **MATTHEW KERR** and **JOHN BELL** (all of St Louis, Missouri) for \$10 the "Mill Tract and Steels Survey," the same tract acquired from **MATTHEW DUNCAN** under sheriff's deed dated 27 Oct 1832.

Originally recorded in Book D, page 182 on 1 Apr 1842.

Recorded BOI on 2 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 580.

DANL. B. TUTHILL and wife to ISHAM PURDY.

On 9 Jan 1835, **D. B. TUTHILL** and **DOLLY S.** his wife sold to **ISHAM PURDY** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$300 the N ½ NE ¼ of Section 8, T7S, R2W.

Witnessed by **SALLY J. ROSS** and **H. S. WALBRIDGE**.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 268 on 12 Jan 1837.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1843.

Book D, page 581.

ELISHA COCHRAN and wife to H. M. JENKINS.

On 3 Dec 1840, **ELISHA COCHRAN** and **LUCY B.** his wife sold to **HEROD MARSHALL JENKINS** (all of Jackson County, Illinois) for \$50 the NE ¼ of Section 30, T10S, R3W containing 40 acres, entered by **ELISHA COCHRAN** at the land office in Kaskaskia on 8 Dec 1838.

Witnessed by **WM. JENKINS** and **THOS. JENKINS**.

Originally recorded in Book D, pages 72 & 73 on 18 Mar 1841.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1845.

[NOTE: the following three deeds are identical (except the third, with references a different quarter section than the first two) and they were recorded sequentially in Book

²⁰ Steels survey refers to Survey #683, Claim #634: 200 acres surveyed for Thos. B. Steels. It was located along the Mississippi River, straddling the line separating Sections 35 and 36. Source: landplats.ilsos.net.

C. Since these are tax deeds, it may be that each deed should reflect a different year for delinquent taxes, but they are abstracted here as found in the BOI's Book D.]

Book D, page 582.

Auditor to **SAMUEL WIGGINS**.

On 15 Jan 1830, **JAMES T. B. STAPP**, the State Auditor, at the town of Vandalia in conformity with all the requisitions of the several acts in such case made and provided, expose to public sale the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T8S, R1W for the sum of \$1.82 being the amount of the tax for the year 1829 with the interest and costs chargeable on said tract of land, and whereas at the time and place aforesaid **SAMUEL WIGGINS** offered to pay the aforesaid sum of money for the whole of said tract of land, which was the least quantity bid for and the said **SAML WIGGINS** has pad the sum of \$1.82 into the Treasury of the State.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 100 on 17 Oct 1833.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 583.

Auditor to **SAMUEL WIGGINS**.

On 15 Jan 1830, **JAMES T. B. STAPP**, the State Auditor, at the town of Vandalia in conformity with all the requisitions of the several acts in such case made and provided, expose to public sale the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T8S, R1W for the sum of \$1.82 being the amount of the tax for the year 1829 with the interest and costs chargeable on said tract of land, and whereas at the time and place aforesaid **SAMUEL WIGGINS** offered to pay the aforesaid sum of money for the whole of said tract of land, which was the least quantity bid for and the said **SAML WIGGINS** has pad the sum of \$1.82 into the Treasury of the State.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 99 on 17 Oct 1833.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 584.

Auditor to **SAMUEL WIGGINS**.

On 15 Jan 1830, **JAMES T. B. STAPP**, the State Auditor, at the town of Vandalia in conformity with all the requisitions of the several acts in such case made and provided, expose to public sale the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T8S, R1W for the sum of \$1.82 being the amount of the tax for the year 1829 with the interest and costs chargeable on said tract of land, and whereas at the time and place aforesaid **SAMUEL WIGGINS** offered to pay the aforesaid sum of money for the whole of said tract of land, which was the least quantity bid for and the said **SAML WIGGINS** has pad the sum of \$1.82 into the Treasury of the State.

Originally recorded in Book C, page 98 on 17 Oct 1833.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 585.

WM. LINN and wife to **GEO. C. GREENWOOD**.

Report of the Board.

The Board adduced satisfactory evidence that **WILLIAM LYNN** and **POLLY ANN D.** his wife of Fayette County, Illinois executed a deed to **GEORGE C. GREENWOOD** of Franklin County, Illinois for the SE ¼ of Section 13, T8S, R1W, the SE ¼ of Section 14, T8S, R1W, and the SW ¼ of Section for \$350.

Original book and page not given.

Recorded BOI on 3 Jan 1845.

Book D, page 585.

Office of the Board of Investigation 2 Apr 1844.

Proof has this day been made that **JAMES HALL SR.** executed a deed to **PHINEAS C. HALL** for the NE ¼ of Section 27, T8S, R2W for \$500.

Original book and page number not given.

Recorded on 27 Feb 1861.

Book D, pages 586 to 591.

The remaining pages of Book D (586 to 591) contain a handful of deeds (mainly tax deeds) executed in the 1860s. As such, they are outside the scope of this book, which is focused on pre-1843 deeds.

E. DEEDS FROM OTHER SOURCES

JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (NOT IN BOOK D)

Original Book A, page 3.²¹

JESSE GRIGGS and wife to **JESSE GRIGGS, JOHN BYARS** and **CONRAD WILL**, Commissioners of Jackson County, Illinois Territory.

The land for the town of Brownsville was executed in the spring of 1818 and recorded on 4 Jul 1818 by **WILLIAM WILSON**, Recorder. It was executed before **JAMES HALL, JR.**, a Justice of the Peace.

Book 16, page 516 (recorded in 1882).

WILLIAM and **CATHERINE BOONE** conveyed to **DANIEL WILL** for \$300 “all that certain tract or parcel of land, containing one hundred and sixty acres, situated or lying in the county of Jackson afore said, in the Mississippi bottom, being the southwest quarter of section no. 35, in township no. 8 south of range no. 4 west, and which said quarter section of land was entered by **WILLIAM TAYLOR** with the register of the land office for the district of Kaskaskia.” Witnessed by **WILLIAM WILSON** and **CONRAD WILL**.

Originally recorded in Book A, page 1 on 7 May 1816.²²

²¹ *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), pages 42 and 43.

²² *Saga of Southern Illinois*, Volume XVI, Number 1, Spring 1989, First Deed in Jackson County by Iona Freeman, page 33.

JOHNSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TERRITORY**Book A-1, page 20.**

On 29 Oct 1814, **JOHN EDGAR** and **RACHEL EDGAR** his wife of the Town of Kaskaskia, Illinois Territory sold for \$800 to **HENRY EARTHMAN** and **WILLIAM GARNER**, both of the County of Cape Girardeau, Illinois Territory, a 400 acre tract of land along the Mississippi River described by metes and bounds, but including parts of Section 23 and 26, T11S, R4W as part of the boundary description. The land was originally granted to “**CHARLES DANIS, SENIOR** in virtue of his having actually cultivated and improved the same.”

Signed **JOHN EDGAR** and **RACHEL EDGAR**.

Witnessed by **WILLIAM F. GARNER** and **ROBERT WHITESIDE**.

Book A-1, page 24.

An article of agreement between **JONAS VANSEL** and **GEORGE DAVIS**, both of Illinois Territory Johnson County. Witnesseth that they have both agreed to enter the quarter section where **JONAS VANSEL** now lives [apparently the SE ¼ of Section 33, T10S, R2W, which was entered by **JONAS VANCIL** on 14 Oct 1818]. **JONAS** was to have the northern half of the quarter section, and **GEORGE** was to have the southern half, with Jonas paying “twenty dollars the more of the state price, in the first payment.” “It is further agreed upon that both parties goes halves in all expenses such as surveying and deeding of the same.” Jonas agreed to make a deed to **GEORGE DAVIS** for his half as soon as possible after receiving the patent to the land.

Signed **JONAS [J, his mark] VANSEL** and **GEORGE DAVIS**.

Witnessed by **JACOB HUNSAKER** and **CATHERINE HUNSAKER**.

Book A-1, page 34.

On 8 Apr 1815 **ROBERT REYNOLDS SENIOR**, assignee of **CHARLES DANIS**, conveyed for \$400 to **THOMAS REYNOLDS**, both of the County of Madison and Territory of Illinois, 400 acres of land on the east bank of the Mississippi River. The property was the “settlement and cultivation right of **CHARLES DANIS** and conveyed to the said **ROBERT REYNOLDS SENR**” on 15 Aug 1805 and located in fractional Sections 23 and 26, T11S, R4W, as recorded at the land office at St. Louis, survey 682, claim number 1553.

Signed **ROBERT REYNOLDS**.

Witnessed by **SAMUEL JUDY** and **AMBROSE NISE**.

This deed was recorded on 18 Aug 1817 (after the creation of Jackson County).

Book A-1, page 36.

On 15 Aug 1805 **CHARLES DANIS** of the Village of Kaskaskia assigned to **ROBERT REYNOLDS** of Randolph County, both of Indiana Territory, for \$400 his settlement and cultivation right on east bank of the Mississippi River.

Signed **DANIS** (all lower case).

Witnessed by **MOSES OLIVER** and **GEORGE BELSHA**.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I am a fourth great grandson of **James Davis**, a pioneer settler of Jackson County, Illinois Territory. His son **Thomas G. Davis** was the father of **Thomas Jefferson Davis**, who married **Sarah Adaline Hanks**. Their daughter **Caroline Mary Davis** married **Alfred Sheldon Wiggins**. Their daughter **Eva Pearl Wiggins** married **Paul Edward Malone**. Their son was **Paul Elmar Malone**, who married **Mary Ellen Adams**. They were my parents.

It was in researching **James Davis** and other direct ancestors who had lived in Jackson County that it became apparent that abstracting early deeds would provide an invaluable source of information for anyone with deep ancestral roots there.

Other books by the author:

- *Three Pioneer Davis Families of Jackson County, Illinois: The Family Histories of Brothers James and Aaron Davis, and of their nephew Willis Davis; and Their Connection to Moore and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina* (2024).
- *The Roddens of Essex County, Virginia Colony and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina: plus the Bakers, Blanchards, Byroms, Hanks and Williamsons* (2023).
- *First Families of Phillipstown, White County, Illinois: The Bidwell, Boultinghouse, Brown, Graham, Hon, Hughes, Johnston, Lucas, Lukenbill, Phillips, Stuart/Stewart, Whiting and Other Early Families Who Settled in Illinois Territory/Illinois State in the area that would later become the Village of Phillipstown* (2022).
- *The Cater-Davis Connection: John, Israel and George Davis and their relationships to Sarah (Cater) Virden and James Cater of Union and Newberry Counties, South Carolina, Warren County, Kentucky, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana, and Bond, Fayette and Montgomery Counties, Illinois* (2022).
- *Lee Allen of Pendleton District, South Carolina; Warren County, Allen County and Simpson County, Kentucky; and Posey County, Indiana: Son of Gersham Allen of Orange County, Surrey County and Wilkes County, North Carolina; Pendleton District, South Carolina; Warren County, Kentucky; Randolph County, Illinois Territory; Jackson County, Tennessee; and Adair County, Kentucky* (2022).
- *The McEveny Clan in America: The Wife, Parents, Siblings and Children of Thomas J. McEveny of Franklin County, Vermont; Crawford, Clark and Washington Counties, Missouri; and Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa; and their Wiggins, Bowles, Beebe, Keppel and Lightner Connections* (2021).
- *Untangling Samuel Rone b. 1813 from Samuel E. R. Rowan, b. 1814* (2021).
- *Brothers Nathan and Clement Davis, Jr – Sons of Clement Davis, Sr of Craven and Berkeley Counties, Carolina Colony; Newberry and Laurens Counties, South Carolina; Washington County, Georgia; Logan, Christian and Livingston Counties, Kentucky; and Randolph, Johnson and Jackson Counties, Illinois Territory* (2021)
- *Caleb Blagg of Colonial Virginia and the Carolinas: Himself and Three Generations of His Clan* (2020).

- *Searching for the Father of Sally Jackson, Wife of Chichester Chinn* (2020).
- *Colonel James Martin of Edgefield County, South Carolina: Disproving an Indiana Connection* (2020).
- *Elder James Martin of the Districts of Orangeburg, Lower Ninety-Six, Edgefield and Barnwell, South Carolina; Warren County, Kentucky; and Knox, Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana Territory/Indiana, and his brother, Simon Martin of the Same Districts in South Carolina* (2019)
- *The Search for the Parents and Siblings of Mobley H. Rhone of Houston County and Anderson County, Texas, and Mathew L. Rone of Ray County, Missouri and Benton County, Arkansas* (2019).
- *The Pioneer Williams Families of Smith Township, Posey County, Indiana* (2014),
- *The First Two Malone Families to Settle in Gibson County, Indiana Territory* (2012),
- *The Ada County Historic Preservation Council's 2006 Preservation Plan for Cultural and Historic Resources* (2006), and
- *Illustrated Bikes on Stamps* (1996).